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Micheal Eaton cooks chinese food in a wok for Model UN student Nicole Dawlin of Edgewood High School in the Metamorphosis Cafe last week. The SGA is looking into the Cafe's prices.

Student government investigates Aramark

By Travis Webb
Associate Editor

The Student Government Association is trying to lay some groundwork for a re-negotiation of the contract the University holds with food vendor Aramark Innovative Dining Solutions, said SGA President Austin O'Kelly.

"We're just trying to do something for the students, to lower the prices for them," O'Kelly said.

O'Kelly said SGA officials decided to try and negotiate after hearing several complaints about the prices of ala carte items in the Metamorphosis Café, especially from students who lack meal plans.

O'Kelly said some students felt that the cafeteria's "all you can eat" setting could be improved by lowering the prices and offering more affordable or flexible meal plans and deals.

He said SGA officials would also like to see the prices at The Harvey's Burrito Bar lowered.

"It's really too early to re-negotiate the contract, but we'd like to lay some groundwork for it to be changed later on down the road," O'Kelly said.

The University finalized its deal with Aramark last fall, shortly before construction on the Met began.

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SGA seeks to raise fee

By Allen Arrick
Associate editor

The Student Government Association passed a motion last Wednesday asking students to approve a fee increase this spring in the general election.

The line item would increase the fee from \$11 per semester credit hour to \$14 per credit hour for the next fiscal year. It would then raise the fee by 10 percent ever year after that until the fee reaches \$16 per semester credit hour.

The motion also states that if students don't approve the fee increase, then the SGA will increase the fee by 10 percent. Federal

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Austin O'Kelly
SGA president

law allows them to raise it by a maximum of 10 percent each year without a student vote.

SGA president Austin O'Kelly said the University is far behind other schools and needs to increase the fee in order to provide more services to the students.

"If we want student life, then we have to spend money on student life," O'Kelly said. "We're not competitive in the services that fall under the Student Services Fee."

Those services are career development, the SGA, Campus Activities Board, the Patriot Talon, debate team and others.

The fee hasn't been increased in 10 years, O'Kelly said.

SGA parliamentarian Matthew Mlcak, who authored the motion, agreed with O'Kelly.

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Basketball coach resigns suddenly

By Travis Webb
Associate Editor

The University's first and only men's basketball coach, Matthew Wallis resigned effective Monday, Athletics Director Dr. Howard Patterson confirmed Sunday.

Wallis was hired in May 2003 and has been with the program since its inception.

While no details have been released yet, the resignation comes on the heels of the Patriots final game of the season, a 61-37 loss to No. 7 Mississippi College.

The game marked the end of Wallis' fourth season with the Patriots, with the men going 6-18 overall and 5-15 in the American Southwest Conference.

During his time with the

University Wallis put together a four-year record of 36-63.

Before his time with the University, Wallis racked up coaching experience at Montana State University, Texas Wesleyan, Austin College, and Tom Bean High School in Sherman.

Although Patterson confirmed the resignation, he referred all inquiries to the University's sports information officer, Peyton Lowe.

Lowe said only that Wallis decided to pursue other coaching opportunities.

A University press release announced that a national search for a new coach would begin Tuesday.

Wallis could not be reached for a statement.



Staff photo by Erin Buller

Fans bundled up against a 55 degree sunny day and winds of 25 mph to watch Saturday's double header against Mid America Christian University at Irwin Field. The Patriots won the first game 5-0. See related sports story on page 12 for statistics on second game.

Prior review may end at *Daily Texan*

By Travis Webb
Associate Editor

A new decision by the Texas Board of Regents may help end a long history of prior review at *The Daily Texan*, the student newspaper for the University of Texas at Austin.

The regents, in a unanimous Feb. 8 decision, voted to end the previous agreement held between the school and the students.

The new version, while not specifically barring the practice of prior review — where an adviser or other authority is required to read all content before publication and granted the power to censor if necessary — it does bring the paper one step closer.

The old version was in place since 1971 and made the university liable for all content in student publications — assuring the necessity of

an editorial adviser with the power to control content.

By making the students responsible for content, the new agreement frees the university from the need to protect itself, though ultimately, the decision to end prior review will rest with the Texas Student Media Board of Directors.

"We've been prior reviewed since the 1950s. We were reviewed last night and we'll be reviewed tonight," said J.J. Hermes, editor in chief of *The Daily Texan*. "We haven't been censored in decades but that mechanism is still in place."

Hermes said he was cautiously optimistic about the decision — especially because the

the *Talon*

The *Patriot Talon*, although partially supported by student fees, is an independent student publication protected from censorship by the University.

According to University bylaws, the *Patriot Talon*, and all other student publications fall under the direct supervision of the Student Media Advisory Board.

The current bylaws have been in place since May 2002, after accusations that the previous agreement violated the First Amendment rights of student journalists.

"It's a very liberal policy, but that's the way it should be," said Dr. Alicia White, interim dean for

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University to purchase TASCA center, 21 acres on Old Omen

By Erin Buller
Editor in Chief

The University of Texas System Board of Regents approved President Rodney Mabry's request to purchase 21.38 acres of land across Old Omen Road.

Mabry said the regent's approval on Feb. 7 is the first step in buying the land and buildings owned by the Tyler Area Senior Citizens Association, Inc.

"We knew we were growing at a rapid rate and we began looking at property and that land was one we were looking at," Mabry said.

He said a few months ago, an individual from the TASCA board approached him to see if the University wanted to purchase the property.

Mabry said he told them yes and began the process to

get the acquisition approved through the regents.

Mabry said the University of Texas Health Center leased the building and property for some time, but recently stopped the lease.

He said the University is in negotiations now with TASCA.

He said they would use the existing building to house the nursing graduate program and research facilities.

Mabry said \$2.16 million in Permanent University Funds awarded from the Texas legislature last fall for expansion of the College of Nursing would be diverted to purchase the property, as well as using reserve budget, gifts and some debt.

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Staff photo by Michelle Morse

The University Board of Regents has granted the University permission to continue negotiations to purchase the TASCA Center.

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Tyler exchanges English teachers with Sister City in Japan

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Fee committee needs media oversight

Nearly every student organization on campus is funded with student fee money, which all of us pay, but only nine students, meeting behind closed doors, will have a say in deciding where the money goes.

For the first time in the history of the University, the Student Services Fee budget will be decided entirely by students appointed by the Student Government Association and President Rodney Mabry.

The committee is not required by law to conduct public meetings, but members of the committee decided to close the meetings and bar the *Patriot Talon* from reporting on their deliberations on Feb. 8.

A *Talon* reporter gained access to the first

Editorial

meeting on Feb. 1, but was not allowed in for subsequent meetings.

This inconsistency raises some questions about the process by which the committee decides the Student Services Fee budget.

Journalism is referred to as the Fourth Estate of government.

Journalists, when they act responsibly, must function as the watchdogs of the three other branches of the U.S. government.

The founding fathers believed an informed citizenry is essential to a thriving democracy, as such, it is vitally important the public be made

aware of government proceedings when they do not have the resources to find out for themselves.

However, members of this committee make no final decisions and after considering written and oral proposals, they only advise the president about how the money should be allocated.

Members of the committee told the *Talon* reporter they wanted closed meetings because they did not wish to guard their words.

But no matter what they have to say, the people that supply the money have a right to know.

Again, every single student on this campus pays this fee — \$11 per semester credit hour or a cap of \$150 per semester.

And every single student on this campus has a right to know how it will be spent.

These committee members decide how to spend nearly \$1.5 million of student money and the *Talon* believes students should know how the members of this committee are deciding where their money goes.

As appointed representative members of the student body, committee members should be confident enough in their ability to make sound and responsible decisions to make public what some would prefer remain locked behind closed doors.

The *Talon* staff will continue to pursue information regarding how student money is spent and will endeavor to provide those who pay tuition and fees a look into where their money goes.



HPV vaccine individual, not state choice

Next year, under Gov. Rick Perry's executive order, Texas school administrators will herd sixth grade girls into nurse stations and administer the Gardasil vaccine against Human PapillomaVirus. If parents object, they must sign a refusal slip.

At first, Gov. Perry's decision makes sense.

Gardasil prevents certain strains of HPV, a sexually transmitted disease which can cause cervical cancer, but as a vaccine it only works in people with no prior exposure to the disease; hence his decision to vaccinate women early in life.

But this decision may pan out to be a dangerous move on Perry's part. For one, Perry

legislature cannot rescind.

Also, the FDA only approved the vaccine last June and the makers of Gardasil still don't know the long-term consequences the vaccine may have on women's health or how long the vaccine will remain effective once administered.

This vaccine could prove dangerous to the health of women.

Administering it to all sixth grade girls without giving parents much say in the matter just doesn't make sense.

I don't believe taxpayers should have to shoulder the costs of vaccinating students against an STD.

A person does not just "catch" an STD.

miss Right



Karla Clark

like rape victims — most of the time people contract the disease through their own bad choices.

I should not have to pay to fund a measure that may encourage pre-marital sex among young people by taking away certain consequences of promiscuity.

is cheaper than paying for hospital treatment bills in the end. I disagree.

Instead of abating the spread of STDs, this measure may only further spread the diseases not covered by the Gardasil vaccine.

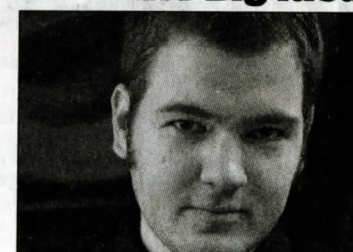
Middle school students may believe school administrators condone having sex at an early age when school officials furnish an immunity from a cancer-causing STD.

Perhaps students will feel empowered by their local school officials to participate in sexual activities despite their own parents' objections.

Perry needs to repeal his decision and give parents the choice whether to administer this newly developed vaccine

Time to reconsider poverty, happiness

the Big Idea



Allen Arrick

On the back of a Starbucks' coffee cup I read the quote "a measure of a society is how they treat their poor, and by that measure we are barbarians."

In a free country (and by that I mean economically and socially) poor people are poor largely based on the decisions they make. True, there are some people who's lives have just been completely ruined by natural disasters, but we don't have abject poverty in America like they do in Africa.

We give more to charity than any other country in the world. Our tax system benefits the poor to the point that it's redundant. Our school system is free to all, and it's the same school system that the rich get. If you want to talk about the education problem that's one thing, but if you want to talk about the choices people make, that's another.

It all boils down to this question: Does having money make you happy, and does not having money make you unhappy?

Solely based on that question, you can determine how a person looks at government's role in welfare.

A person of the left who wishes more welfare and safety nets seems to put a great deal of importance on wealth in

computer sales.

According to leftists thinking, money should solve all your problems, but if you see an interview with Gates, notice his frustration. For god sakes, he's the richest man in the world.

The problem with that way of thinking is it fails to recognize the insatiability of human nature.

Jim Carrey once said that we should all become famous just to realize it's not the answer. He's right. It's not wealth, fame and HDTVs that bring people happiness.

If someone gave you a choice between being completely happy for the rest of your life, or having a million dollars right now, what would you choose?

I wouldn't hesitate to choose happiness. It seems too obvious.

We need to quit dividing the world between haves and have-nots. All it does is make poor

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A person does not just "catch" an STD.

Although some innocent people suffer from the disease —

away certain consequences of promiscuity.

However, many people would argue that paying for a vaccine

this newly developed vaccine against HPV to their 12 year-old daughters.

importance on wealth in regards to happiness.

Many times, the wealth to happiness ratio is opposite and counter intuitive. Think of all the cases you hear about people winning the lottery and getting divorced a year later.

Bill Gates doesn't seem too happy about Apple's rise in

notes. All it does is make poor feel sorry for themselves and turn good rich people into villains.

The measure of a society is not how they treat their poor, it's how many poor people flee to that society looking for a better life. In that arena, we're at the top of our class.

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Dress size standard needed to create level playing field

the Small Stuff



Erin Buller

I love to shop. Everything from office supplies to underwear falls under my obsessive need to find a deal at local stores.

The only thing I hate shopping for are blue jeans. They never fit me right and I can never find the right size.

After watching the "Devil Wears Prada" last summer I now know why, apparently "the new size 2 is a 0."

I'm nowhere near a size 0, but I've noticed a clothing size discrepancy even in my own wardrobe.

That size inconsistency prompted an online search through which I found several articles using the term "vanity sizing."

Vanity sizing is a plot used by clothing manufacturers to trick women into thinking they are thinner than reality.

One article talked about a woman who bought a skirt in 2000 that was a size 8. Last year she bought another skirt in size 0. But after comparing the two skirts, she realized they shared exactly the same size.

Apparently the new 8 is a 0.

Going further into the

insanity, clothing designers are now coming out with sizes smaller than 0, in other words, negative numbers.

There is no end to our obsession with weight and measurement.

On the other side, a friend of mine is going to be a bridesmaid in two different weddings this summer.

She went to a local bridal shop to find a bridesmaid dress and was shocked to find her normal size 12 body was an 18 in the dress world. Her self-confidence plummeted to the floorboards. It ruined her day.

One wonders why vanity sizing hasn't hit the bridesmaid dress arena.

Who knows, but one thing is certain — clothing size con-

tributes to a woman's self-esteem.

When I was a chubby teenager, my mother told me Marilyn Monroe was a size 14. I found myself comforted by the "fact" that the beautiful and famous Monroe wore a plus size.

The only thing my mother neglected to tell me is size standards changed in 50 years. Today Monroe probably would have been one of those negative numbers.

I recently read a Dave Barry column that addressed the same issue. His point was that men go around with their waist and inseam measurements displayed on the butt of their jeans while women wouldn't be caught dead displaying their clothing size so blatantly.

We should adopt the European system of basing sizes on inch measurements — when you buy a 36 in France, you would have to buy an 8 in the states.

We need a standardized system for clothing sizes and, maybe then, we could have a standardized basis for self-confidence too.

Thumbs up/Thumbs down

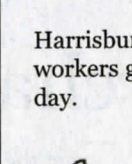


Australian fisherman Phillip Kerkhof caught a 4-foot shark with his bare hands. The secret to his physical prowess: vodka.

Harry Potter star, Daniel Radcliffe, appeared naked in a British play last week. Someone needs to tell him that invisibility cloaks are not real, and yes, we can see everything.



A St. Louis family found their lost dog of 7 years on a pet adoption website. "It's a miracle," 41-year-old Noreen Barczewski said at Friday's reunion. "We found him!"



Harrisburg, Pa. Hershey factory kissed 1,500 workers goodbye just a day after Valentines' day.



NBA officials banned ex-player Tim Hardaway from the All-Star game after he said "I hate gay people. Let it be known, I don't like gay people."

Letter to the Editor

February is a time when all normal observance and study of American or Western history is temporarily suspended and the history of one race is brought to the forefront to be observed and remembered.

It is a time when segregation is perfectly exemplified.

Rather than conveying the truth that black American history is part of all American history, this observance limits black involvement to one month of the year and sends the message that there is a notable difference between black Americans and other Americans, and that their history does not belong with the history of all other Americans.

Perhaps though, our country is not ready to mature and become a nation of Americans. Perhaps we are still in our childish stage of being a nation of African-Americans and Euro-Americans and Asian-Americans, and not yet ready to be a country of simply Americans.

But even so, even in this stage of immaturity that we may be in, we should not

think that our immaturity warrants our unfairness or inequality.

If we are unable to see ourselves as one people, should we not attempt to treat the different peoples equally?

Let us have our black history month and remember this race's great contribution to this country. But let us not forget the other races. With our black history month let us create an Oriental history month, or a Hispanic history month. For these races have contributed to this country as well.

Our country may not be ready to see ourselves as one people, and to simply remember the history of Americans, but let us not segregate ourselves between our races and give to one race what we are unwilling to give to another. For after all, that is the injustice that the great African-American fathers and mothers combated many years ago.

Nathaniel King
senior, English



Courtesy Photos

Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs and wife Penn receive blessings from family elders at their wedding in Pattalung, Thailand.

Above: Wedding guests bring symbolic gifts to the ceremony.

Below: Penn wipes tears away before the wedding.

Professor weds in Thailand

By Travis Webb
Pulse Editor

With divorce rates sky high in this country many people wind up getting married multiple times — but few do it twice to the same person, and fewer still do it in Thailand.

Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs, 49, associate professor of communications for the University and debate team advisor celebrated his recent wedding like most people do, except that it was his second.

The first time he married his wife Piengpen Na Pattalung, or Penn, 39, in Arkansas in May, 2006.

However, his future in-laws were unable to make the trip, so over the winter break he and his wife traveled to her native Thailand for a second wedding, this one performed in the traditional Thai style.

"We had planned from the beginning to have two ceremonies, not just to make it easier on her family but out of respect for both cultures," Hobbs said.

A traditional Thai wedding starts with dinner at the home of the groom's family — in this case represented by Hobbs' sister-in-law Tamote.

"They cooked a whole pig, I don't think I had a single chance to feel hungry the whole time I was in Thailand," Hobbs said.

Then various friends and relations, chosen because of personal wealth or happy marriages,

are given symbolic gifts to carry to the home of the bride's family.

Each gift has its own meaning — like a cake with golden frosting to symbolize prosperity.

"Some mean wealth, or happiness — each gift has a meaning," Penn said.

Hobbs said his wife's aunt gave him a length of cloth, and used it to lead him to the bride's home.

The groom then goes through a series of symbolic tests.

First, a child from the family cleans the groom's shoes to symbolize his readiness to accept the bride.

The groom then has to pass a series of "gates" made from thin gold chains and held by members of the bride's family. The groom must negotiate a price for which the family members will be willing to let him pass, symbolizing his willingness to support his bride.

Then Buddhist monks bless the couple and the wedding party. A Thai wedding is technically a secular ceremony held purely for the enjoyment of the parties involved but such blessings are considered traditional and beneficial, Hobbs said.

The monks also bless water, which is then held in bowls made of shell and used later in the ceremony.

Because the monks may not eat after 11 a.m.

the party usually breaks up for lunch, Penn said. Sometimes this also serves as the engagement celebration, since it's cheaper to throw one party.

"Thai people love to party, we'll take any excuse, Christmas, Chinese New Year, we celebrate everything," Penn said.

The actual ceremony itself is similar to Western marriages with two primary differences. Although brides are traditionally given engagement rings, the only wedding ring present during the actual ceremony is a band of white string circling the head of both the bride and groom and connected by a central cord to each loop.

The eldest person present places this on their heads and then blesses the new couple. Later, family members take the blessed water and pour it over the couples hands while wishing them well.

No vows are spoken and wedding gifts are given in the form of money — money that is kept track of and repaid in kind when the person who gave it, or their children, have their own weddings.

Apparently, the wedding receptions in Thailand are very much like those in America.

"That's when we just went around, talking and taking lots of pictures," Hobbs said. "And we ate all day."



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Students start college life behind bars

By Erica Perez

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

(MCT) — In some ways, Randy Gutierrez is like a lot of other 19-year-olds. The former varsity athlete is struggling through his first college history course with hopes of earning a degree.

The difference is that Gutierrez is behind bars at Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution near Plymouth, Wis., for sexual assault.

He's one of about 150 young inmates in more than a dozen prisons around the country who are taking classes and could even earn degrees from Milwaukee Area Technical College — virtually for free — through a new federally funded program.

"Now I feel like, obviously, I've got some time to learn and better myself when I get out," said Gutierrez, who will be eligible for release in 2009.

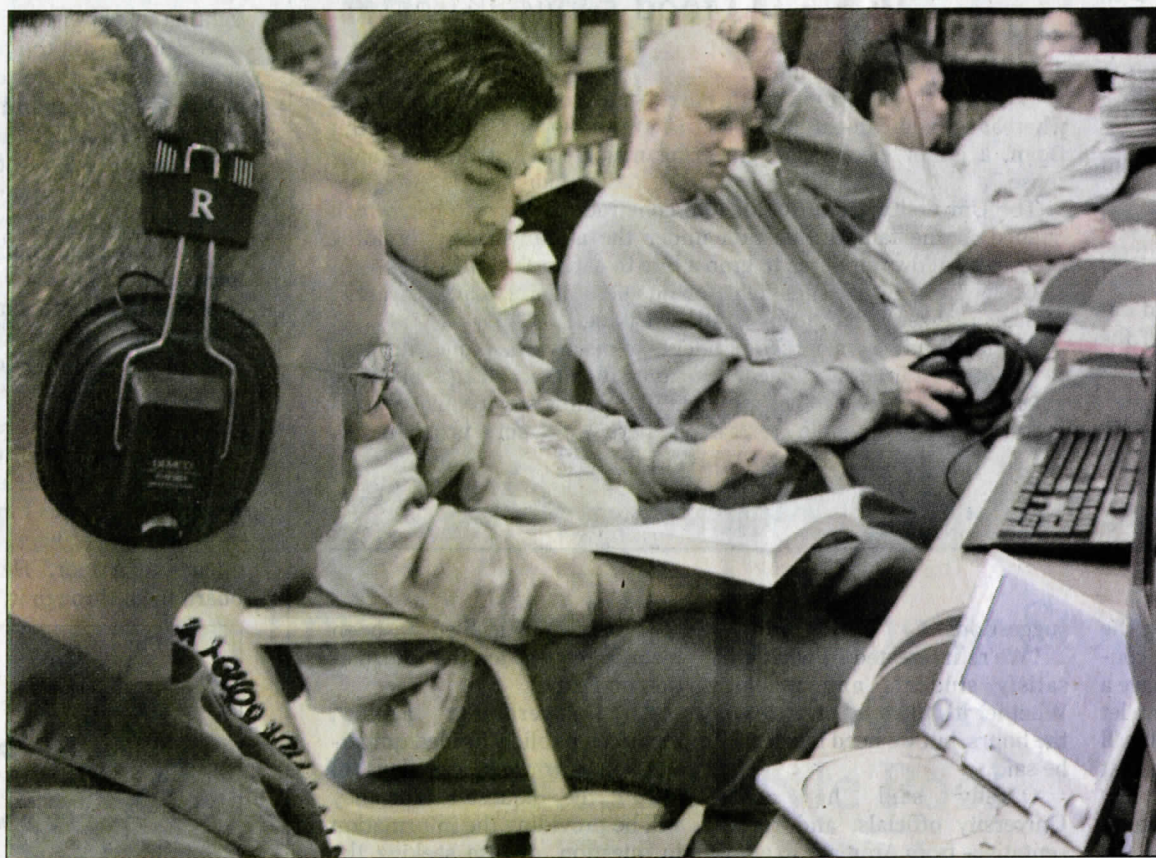
The MATC program, called College of the Air, works much like an online class or a correspondence course. MATC sends instructional videos to prisons in Wisconsin, Maine, Tennessee, Texas, Alaska, Minnesota and New Jersey through a satellite feed.

At the prisons, inmates watch one hour-long video each week for 14 weeks.

An MATC instructor sends assignments such as textbook reading, written papers and tests from Milwaukee. Students send their work back. The instructor gives written feedback by mail.

Meanwhile, a staffer at the prison monitors inmates' attendance, sends their questions to the MATC instructor and proctors their tests. Students pay \$10 a course.

After they complete credits, students receive an MATC transcript that looks like they went to school in Milwaukee. Students who take enough credits can get associate of arts degrees from MATC from behind bars. That degree would then enable them to transfer to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee once they are released.



Adam Davis, far left, works on algebra lessons at the Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution near Plymouth, Wisconsin, January 31, 2007. The education program is tailored for young offenders.

MATC English instructor Mark Connelly has never had face-to-face contact with his students at Kettle Moraine, but he knows their stories.

Each week he opens his e-mail inbox to find well-written essays about turned-around lives and dreams for the future. "I'm very impressed with the commitment of the students," Connelly said. "The depth and rigor of the writing in general is very, very good."

MATC is one of several colleges nationwide that gets federal funding to educate young offenders.

In Wisconsin, eligible inmates have to be younger than 26, be within five years of release and have a high school diploma or a GED.

Each state receives part of a \$23 million national pot for the incarcerated youthful offenders program. Wisconsin gets up to \$1,500 per participating inmate

each year to pay for the instruction. The state had 1,441 eligible inmates in May 2005.

The federal funds aren't new, but MATC's degree program is. The college already had the instructional videos as part of an old program that broadcast classes on public television.

The TV courses had quickly become archaic in the face of Internet learning. MATC was about to phase them out when the Wisconsin Department of Corrections contacted the college.

The state had access to federal funding to educate young inmates, but prisoners didn't have Internet access. MATC's videos seemed an ideal fit.

The college became partners with Corrections Learning Network and Correctional Education Association to provide the classes through an existing satellite network.

A one-year pilot program in five Wisconsin prisons proved successful enough that a dozen institutions in other states signed on. Now, MATC gets \$325 a course from the federal government.

Wendy Erisman, senior research analyst with the Institute for Higher Education Policy, co-wrote a 2005 study showing that educating prisoners reduced recidivism, improved inmates' self-esteem and provided benefits for their children.

"A person who leaves prison with a degree or even college credits has greater potential to contribute to society," Erisman said.

For Gutierrez, getting an education is also about turning himself around.

"People are going to look at you like you are a felon," he said. "It's something to show them that you can work and you can do just as much."

Exploring early higher education

The origins of modern liberal arts colleges find their root in the universities of medieval Europe.

"Ironically enough," Dr Edward Tabri, assistant professor of history, said. "The dark period is associated with superstition and anything but the pursuit of knowledge."

The original universities in Europe, such as the University of Paris, are believed to have been started by well-known clergy from the local cathedrals.

Students who attended these first universities went primarily into the administrative clergy, such as bishops.

The second important university to be established was Oxford, which received a royal charter from King Henry II.

Initially, the universities focused upon the learning of church doctrine; however, the subjects quickly broadened to include other subjects such as Latin grammar, and became known as the trivium.

This later expanded to other fields, and became known as the quadrivium. Professional fields such as medicine and law received more and more attention later on.

As the origin of our modern-day schools, many similarities can be found between the University and early medieval universities.

Traditions such as the cap and gown, and even the hood, can be traced back to those first schools.

Even the bachelor's and master's degrees have their origins in the medieval era, and calling degrees "parchments" refers to early degrees being hand written on sheepskin.

"Another important facet to the universities in early modern times was their association with printing and establishing their own university press," Tabri said.

The early printing of books has importance not only because printing was usually censored early on, but also since it set up the standard of authorship by university faculty.

Tabri said another important similarity between medieval universities and today's schools is the focus on students.

Although there were exceptions, early universities consisted of young men with a range of ages.

"Some students might be in their early teens, others might be in their late twenties," Tabri said.

And the students, as today, knew how to have fun.

"Large groups of young men living in close quarters tend to get in trouble, and they did," Tabri said of early students.

Apparently college guys haven't changed much.

Tabri said writings exist that document various ways in which university students relaxed, including what today would be termed "partying."

Timely Tales



Zack Hubl

FEE INCREASE

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expand our school," Mlcak said.

Mlcak also said a fee increase would be financially manageable by students.

"We could raise fees almost all day long," Mlcak said. "We're way below the state average."

SGA senator Russell Hildebrand voted against the motion.

"We're their (students) representatives, and I don't feel like I'm representing my constituents by raising it behind their backs," Hildebrand said.

"If the students vote against it, I

don't believe it should be raised," Hildebrand said.

Even though the fee can be raised by a general election student vote, and by an SGA vote, it still has to go before the board of regents for the final say.

O'Kelly said he wasn't sure if the fee raise will pass.

"We're competing against other fees," O'Kelly said. "The higher we raise it, the less likely we're going to get it (approved)."

Currently, the fee is at \$11 per semester credit hour, and is capped at

\$150 per semester regardless of how many hours a student is taking.

The line item in the general election would raise the cap to \$250 per semester. If the line item passes in the general election, the student fee would increase by \$3 per semester credit hour, but the total fee for a semester would not be more than \$250.

A committee comprised of SGA members and students appointed by President Rodney Mabry is deciding on the budget for the Student Services

Fee, which is around \$1.5 million for the next fiscal year.

This is an increase of about \$121,000 from last year, but the requested increase from departments creates a \$358,000 discrepancy.

The committee will have to decide how to distribute the money requested by each department while keeping the budget balanced.

Even if the fee is increased, the committee cannot create a budget that takes this into account before the board of regents approves the fee in

the summer.

The deadline for the committee to propose a budget is mid-March.

Talon reporters were granted access to the first committee meeting on Feb. 1, but were denied access to the next meeting on Feb. 8.

The committee is allowed by law to have either open or closed meetings because they are an advisory committee, making no final decisions.

The *Talon* has submitted an open records request for all documents created by the committee.



Staff photo by Allen Arrick

Harvey's Burrito Bar after closing time on Friday with the patio deck in the foreground. Officials say the weather is a factor in slow sales.

Slow sales at Harvey's may be due to weather, high prices officials say

By Karla Clark

I would say it's not making any money

SIDEBAR

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the College Arts and Sciences and chairman of the advisory board. "A hands off policy actually protects, or at least mitigates University responsibility. And it protects students by ensuring that problems will not be handled through academic channels."

The board is composed of 11 members, five of whom are students — one from each college. Three other members are faculty; one from the Department of Communication and one other from the University in general — both of whom are appointed by the president of the University. The Faculty Senate Chairman appoints the third.

The final three are made up of two professional journalists appointed directly by the president and the Dean of Students or a designee of his or her choosing.

The board appoints the editor in chief and can officially reprimand or even remove editors should they believe it necessary.

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PRIOR REVIEW

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media board is a student majority board in which student members, unlike the board of regents, actually vote.

Hermes said that the new agreement has been in the works for two years, but that students have argued against the policy of prior review for decades.

"I actually uncovered an old editorial talking about it, it was from 1983," he said. "What really scared the hell out of me though, was that some administrators — or at least their lawyers seemed to think that not only could they prior review us, but that they had the right to prior restrain us."

Often, questions about censorship or the right of free speech for students or student publication are directed to the Student Press Law Center, an organization which not

By Karla Clark
Staff writer

Maybe it is the cold weather or maybe it's the prices, but whatever the reason officials admit sales are down at Harvey's Burrito Bar — one of the University's newest food venues.

"I would say it's not making any money right now, partly because of the weather," food service director Shannon Mariani said.

But Mariani said profit isn't everything.

"Harvey's is set up to enhance student life," he said. "I wasn't even thinking about money when it was built, but about student life."

Officials with Aramark, who is under contract to provide food service on campus, said they couldn't specify how much money the bar does or does not generate because the funds are lumped together with other food services, Mariani said.

But Harvey's employee Cindy Mize said the bar usually sells about 10 burritos a day.

"I think it's slow because of the prices and people don't know that we're here," she said. "We should have a big sign by the lake to advertise. It's in a beautiful location and I love working here."

She said business increased one day because workers handed out free samples. A \$1 off coupon also came out in the last issue of the *Patriot Talon* in an effort to promote more sales.

The weather too, may be playing a role, Mize said.

A burrito with guacamole and sour cream costs \$6.48 — a price stu-

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Shannon Mariani
food service director

dents may believe is too much.

"I believe the price for a single burrito and a drink is \$7.13 after tax, whereas all-you-can-eat at the met is \$7.06 after tax," said Duy Ahn Doan, a junior electrical engineering major. "It just doesn't make sense."

The University spent \$92,000 to construct the burrito bar, which opened in the fall. Its location under the administration building breezeway allows students to grab a bite to eat on the patio deck.

Gregg Lassen, vice president for business affairs, said University officials realize the bar needs a little tweaking.

Mariani said he encourages students to discuss the issue with him.

"If I'd get a little more feedback from students, we can make it be whatever they want it to be," he said. "The dining service, like always, is still a service. If people aren't happy here, we've got a problem."

ARAMARK

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Lynne Culverhouse, assistant vice president for business affairs said the University expected to hit a few snags early on when they first signed on with Aramark.

"We did expect to encounter some problems at first. We're moving from a small, self-operated program to a larger, third party organization," she said. "But we have been talking to them about what we'd like to do in the future. We're always evolving and Aramark is very interested in what the students would like to see."

Culverhouse said University officials would like to add a smaller version of the University Center's C3 convenient store in the Ratliff Engineering Building as well as expanding the menu at Harvey's Bar.

O'Kelly said that currently, the University holds a 10-year contract with Aramark. "They have a 10-year monopoly on us. If we let them walk all over us now, they'll be walking all over us for the next 10 years," he said.

Jerry Finch, district manager for Aramark confirmed that the contract sets the terms of their business agreement, including issues of pricing.

"Looking at the numbers, at our statistics, we seem to be getting mostly good feedback," Finch said. "It's always easier to have happy customers than grumbling ones."

Finch said that Aramark is already looking at options for Harvey's, including an expanded menu and lower prices.

But Finch also said that Aramark needs more student

suggestions.

"We're interested in what will satisfy students and quickly. Whether it's the food or prices or the hours, but we need feedback," he said.

O'Kelly said he asked University officials, and representatives from Aramark to allow him to view the contract, but was told that because it contains proprietary information not subject to open records law, he could not view it.

However, according to legal precedent, University decisions, especially in regard to monetary issues, are often subject to open records as the University is a public, state-funded institution.

Additionally, any information regarding funds that come from student fees are always subject to open records.

O'Kelly said he filed an open records request for the information on Feb. 2.

Any government agency, including publicly funded universities has 10 business days to inform the requester that they will be providing the information in question, or else seeking the opinion of the Texas Attorney General's office.

O'Kelly said that while Aramark and administrative officials have been friendly, he was informed that they would be seeking an attorney general's opinion.

In the meantime, the *Patriot Talon* filed a separate request for a copy of the contract.

Culverhouse said Aramark's legal experts are currently reviewing the open records request.

Pell Grant increase may happen in 2007

By Sally Dadisman
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

(MCT) — A college degree is no longer an added bonus on a resume, but rather a necessity, making the cost of tuition, room and board and other fees a thorn in the sides of many students struggling to pay for school.

The rising cost of higher education is an issue constantly at

the forefront of public policy, and one President Bush is addressing in his \$2.9 trillion 2008 budget released Feb. 5.

The administration is proposing to raise the maximum Pell Grant award by almost 14 percent, or \$550, next year, the largest increase in more than 30 years. It also calls for a 33 percent raise during the next five years, reaching a maximum of

\$5,400. The current maximum grant is \$4,050.

The Pell Grant is the federal government's main financial aid program for low-income students. Aside from financial need, factors such as the cost of the school, status as full- or part-time student and length of time the student is planning to attend the school are also taken into consideration when awarding

the grant.

The award hasn't been increased since before 2002 and in the 2006-07 academic year the grant covered 33 percent of the average cost of tuition, room and board and other fees at a four-year public school. This is a stark contrast from 20 years ago, when the award was enough to cover 60 percent of the cost of schooling.

speech for students or student publication are directed to the Student Press Law Center, an organization which not only handles legal questions from students but has occasionally stepped in to help students fight censorship.

Student Press Law Center Executive Director Mark Goodman called the decision a major victory for student media, especially considering how long the system has been in place.

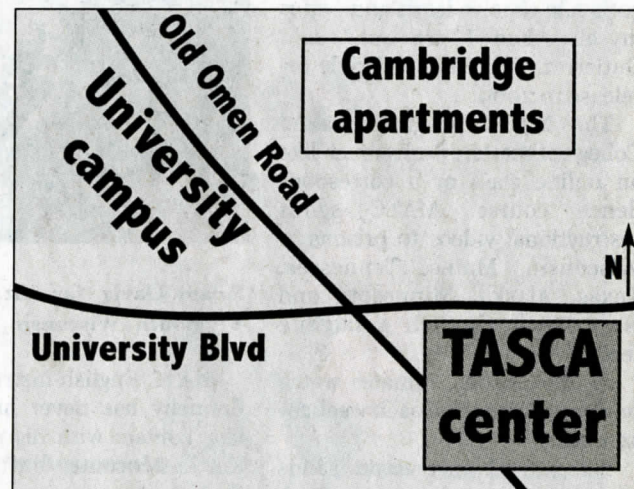
"This gives students and advisers some ammunition in fighting this kind of thing," he said.

Goodman said the previous agreements had sprung tensions and struggle for control that had developed over time between the paper and the university. At the time, the decision was esteemed as a victory for student press but Goodman said that by today's standards it was severely outdated.

"I have personally spoken with editors at *The Daily Texan* for over a decade about this issue, that's how long this has taken. And really, this isn't a matter of legitimate legal debate and hasn't been for 20 years," he said. "The courts have made it quite clear that universities who don't control student media are actually protected from any libel suits or the like."

Meanwhile, staff members at *The Daily Texan* look forward to a time when they are truly independent. Hermes doesn't think they will have to wait long, he said he expects the media board to meet in April.

"The regents have done what they can for us — they opened up a door," Hermes said. "Now it's up to the media board to go through it."



NEW LAND

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"When we bought the 11 acres across from the Exxon, we were able to find a wonderful person to pay for that," Mabry said. "We would hope for the same thing here."

Mabry said the TASCA building and parking lot only takes up about four acres, so the remaining acreage would be used for research facilities.

Mabry said the building has several office rooms that would be converted to classroom space and an activity center that's been rented to community organizations for events.

"We do not intend to change the large room. It would still be rented out," he said.

The Board of Regents also approved the purchase of about 12 acres on Old Omen road next to the new Cambridge apartments. The land will be used for recreational and parking facilities and other campus expansion.



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Students (left to right) Kelly Buchanan, Sam Fraser, Scott Whitehurst and Steven Golightly walk laps on Feb. 11 to raise money for an accountant major who died suddenly in December.

Fundraiser nets \$2,000 to help student's family

By Paige Hayter
Staff writer

The Accounting Society held a Walk for Fund and raised more than \$2,000 for Sharon Johnston's grieving family on Feb. 11.

"We were expecting around 100 walkers," said Jana Cruce, accounting society president. "A lot of people have risen to the occasion."

Johnston, a senior majoring in accounting, was the financial provider for her spouse and children, leaving a large amount of uninsured bills after she died of a heart attack on Dec. 26.

The money raised from the walk will go to the Johnston family's medical bills and funeral costs.

"We are trying to do as much as possible for them," Cruce said.

Participants could either make a one-time donation like Dr. Sandra Gates, accounting professor and Jim Tarter, dean of the College of Business and Technology, or walk laps around the practice soccer field from 1-4 p.m.

Other faculty contributed to the walk and five faculty members promised to match the highest

amount donated.

Most of the sponsors were family and friends of the walkers, but a few of the local businesses got involved said Cruce. Pepsico supplied PowerAid and bananas to all participants.

While the accounting society was holding the event, the women's basketball and soccer teams as well as the men's soccer team walked laps and both Students in Free Enterprise and the Financial Management Association helped bring in sponsors.

"We have only had since Jan. 24 to organize this event," Cruce said. "We've been scrambling to get everything done."

While Johnston was not a member of the accounting society, she was a member of the Lone Rider Bike Group whose members are also holding a fundraiser. The proceeds will also benefit the Johnston family.

The two fundraisers are not in conjunction with each other.

The accounting society members will present a check for \$2,000 to the Johnston family on Feb. 21.

Patriot Email simplified for students

By Anthony Croff
Contributing Writer

University students sent more than 2,000 questions and comments about e-mail problems to Campus Computing Services since last semester, prompting CCS to improve the service, officials said.

"It was a pain," said Christina Campbell, 26, who commutes from Kemp, 64 miles away.

Patriot Email requires students to initially register their username and password on a University computer, something Campbell said she couldn't do over the holiday break. Campbell said she missed an important e-mail notification regarding a class that was cancelled. This forced her to register late to finalize her schedule, she said.

Part of the issue is the University's switch from Student Email (addresses ending in "stemail.uttyler.edu") to Patriot Email (ending in "patriots.uttyler.edu").

CCS manager Michael Vick said the change to Patriot Email began last summer.

Student Email didn't expire

It was pretty simple, I have not had any problems at all.

Alicia Allbaugh
nursing major

until December, giving students a full semester to adjust to Patriot Email.

Now, students who have never used Patriot Email must use it as their campus e-mail account.

Vick said a faulty link on the Patriot Email page has been removed, simplifying login.

Alicia Allbaugh, an 18-year-old nursing major from Whitehouse, is satisfied with Patriot Email.

"It was pretty simple," she said. "I haven't had any problems at all."

The new Patriot Webpace is another point of possible confusion. Students use the same username and password to log in to Patriot Webpace as for Patriot

Email, but Vick said Patriot Webpace is a separate program.

Patriot Webpace is a place where students can store files and access them from any PC with an Internet connection.

However, Vick said the "E-mail" button in the upper right-hand corner of Patriot Webpace is not a link to Patriot Email. It is for the transfer of files should students want to e-mail them to someone through a PC-based client such as Microsoft Outlook, Vick explained.

Systems administrator Tim Crouch said more students are utilizing Patriot Webpace.

A link on the UT Tyler home page would "give more visibility and promote usage," he said. "We really haven't advertised it." He said CCS is waiting on approval for the link.

It is not mandatory that students access or use Patriot Webpace or Patriot Email, but Vick said it is in students' best interest to log in to Patriot Email at least several times during the semester.

Vick said the University uses it to send important announce-

ments and information to students. It is a cost-effective way to send students notifications without having to use postal mail, he said.

Vick said laws sometimes require verification that students receive University messages. Patriot Email allows the University to easily access that information if requested, he said.

Vick said CCS is currently working to make all facets of campus computing as integrated and user-friendly as possible. Within a year, he said he hopes a single sign-on portal will allow students to use Blackboard, Patriot Email, Patriot Webpace, and the majority of the University's computer labs with only one username and password.

"We are excited about doing all of this," Vick says. "That's what a computer geek's life is."

The instructions for activating a Patriots' account can be found at <http://ccs.uttyler.edu/email/> or by clicking "Student E-mail" on the University's home page (www.uttyler.edu).

Greek language added to University program

By Jenny Simmons
Staff writer

Greek, one of the oldest languages on earth is now the newest language taught at the University.

Every Monday at 2 p.m. Professor Paul Streufert begins his lecture on classical Greek.

His audience gathers in any Business Building classroom available. The class consists mostly of English majors seeking a minor in classical studies.

Streufert, who joined the faculty in 2001 teaches most of the classical studies classes and both beginning and intermediate Latin.

"There are so many interesting languages but only a few historical languages," Streufert said.

Seventeen students, most of whom take Latin, appear eager when they come to class.

"A lot of students have interest (in Greek) but the test is if they buy the book," Streufert said.

Lessons began with the alphabet and basic pronuncia-

tion but next semester the class may translate simple texts, he said.

"There is nothing like being able to read an honest to goodness ancient text in its original language," he said.

Streufert said he studied Greek and Latin in undergraduate school. He said the growing interest in the classics is wonderful, but "marvelously impractical."

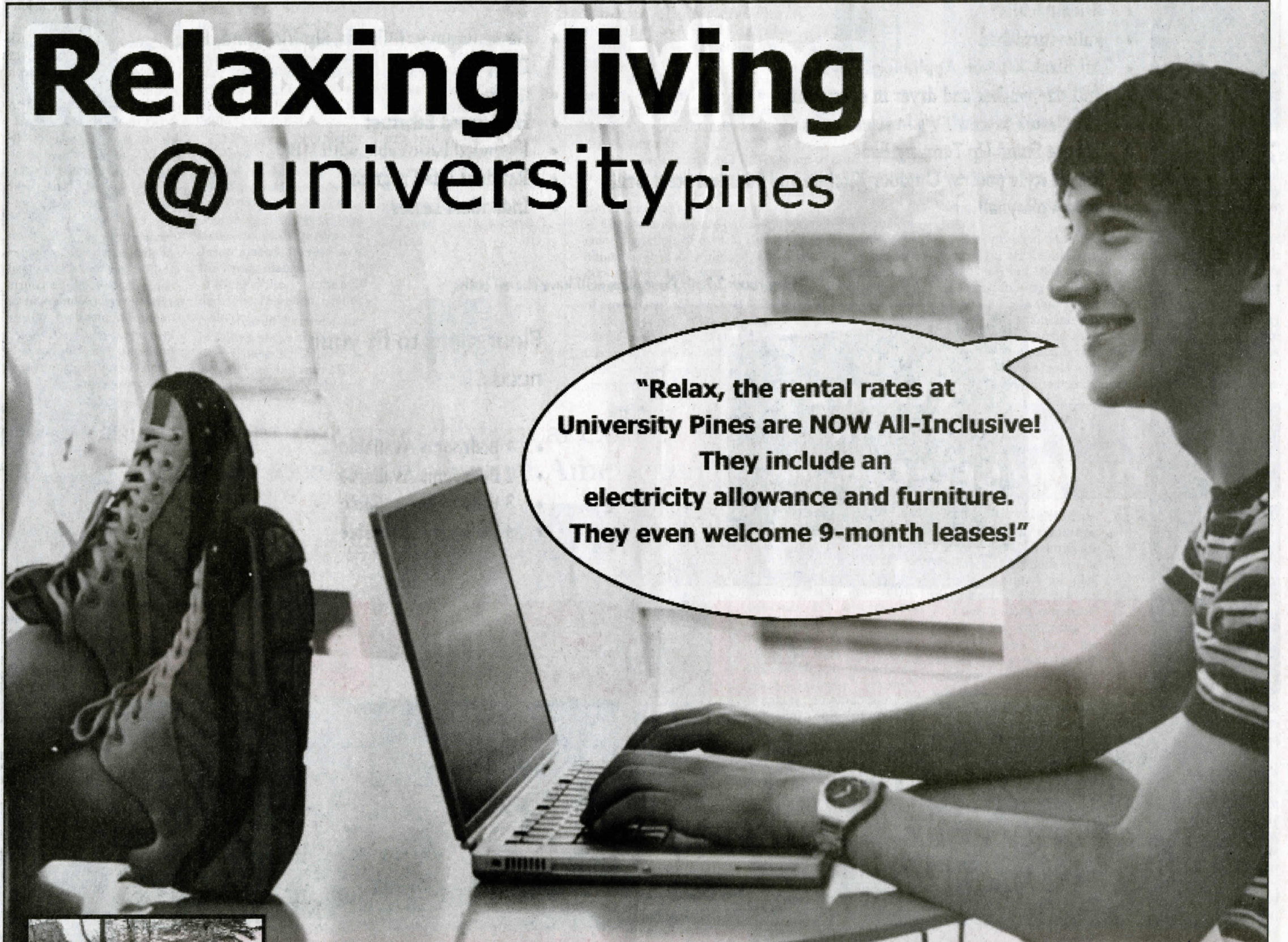
Studying dead languages, such as Greek and Latin is not useful in the modern world but it may give personal satisfaction, he said.

"We are lucky that we have time to study Latin. We do everything so fast now and Latin forces you to slow down; more so, I think, does Greek," Streufert said.

Though the numbers dropped to an average of 10 to 12 students per class, attendance remains consistent.

"(The University) is the one place where we can study things simply because they are interesting to us," Streufert said.

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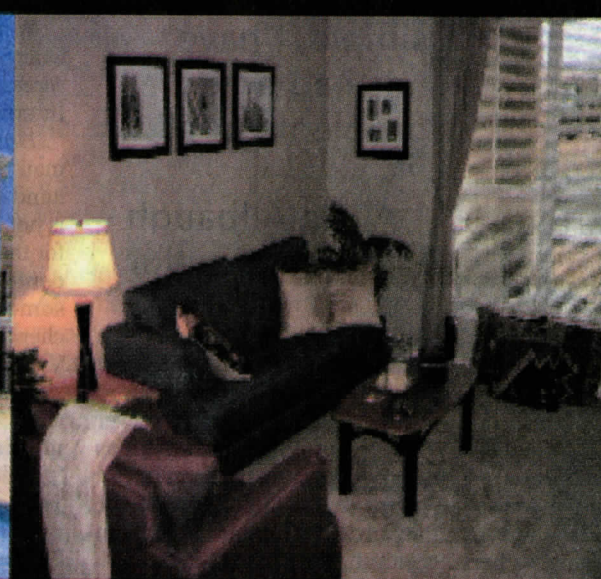


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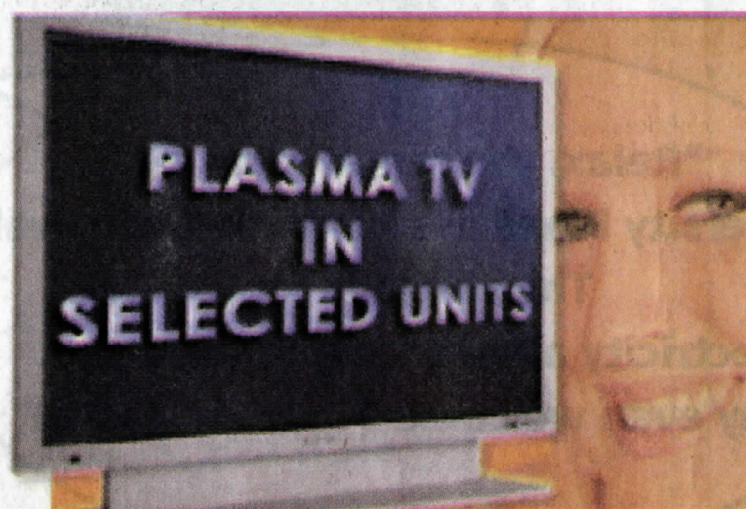
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Greyhounds return to Tyler to funk things up



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Photos from left to right; Greyhounds' guitarist and Tyler native Andrew Trube reacts to guest saxophonist Topaz's blistering solo; Greyhound's keyboardist Anthony Ferrell works his way up the ivories during the Greyhounds second set; and Trube solos as drummer and owner of Stanley's Famous Pit Fire BBQ Nick Pencis lays down the groove. More than 100 people attended the show on Feb. 10 at Stanley's BBQ in Tyler. The Greyhounds are currently embarking on a nationwide tour with last year's American Idle winner Taylor Hicks.

Post Valentine's Day flick keeps love alive for hopeless romantics

Robin Baker
Staff Writer

Because I Said So: PG-13

Super Bowl weekend was cause for excitement to more than just sports fan, because one studio in Hollywood decided to release a romantic comedy

trol. Daphne places a personal advertisement on an online dating service for her daughter and immediately starts to interview men.

After the standard mixture of losers, she picks the "perfect" guy, Jason (Tom Everett Scott "That Thing You Do"). Immediately

mutual attraction and are caught making out on Milly's couch. Of course, things take a turn for the worse in Milly's relationships with Johnny, Jason, and Daphne, but being the romantic comedy that it is things tend to work out in the end.

This film is better than

Bedunah plug's it in, plays

Will McDonald
Entertainment editor

"Plug It In and Play"- Steve Bedunah (2007)

They, whoever "they" are, have a fond way of saying wisdom comes with age.

Steve Bedunah is a prime example.

Bedunah, 51, a singer-songwriter from Wichita Falls, is relatively new at the music business.

Perhaps that's a prime contributor to the two stellar Americana-folk albums Bedunah has released since 2004.

"Plug It In and Play" opens with



release a romantic comedy in early February.

This year, Universal had the honors of releasing this comedy, with its new Diane Keaton ("The First Wives Club") and Mandy Moore ("A Walk to Remember") film, "Because I Said So."

This movie follows the four women of the Wilder family, mainly the mother Daphne (Keaton), and the youngest daughter Milly (Moore).

Daphne starts to worry that she is seeing a little too much of herself in Milly: a woman making bad romantic choices and heading down the path to loneliness. Since she is the over-protective and imperious mom that she is, she decided to step in and take con-

Everett Scott ("That Thing You Do"). Immediately Jason is recognized as too perfect and it is clear the guitar player at the restaurant Daphne is at, Johnny (Gabriel Macht "The Good Sheppard") is the guy for Milly.

Milly, completely unaware of her mother's actions, ends up meeting both men and starts dating both. Daphne, not liking Johnny in the picture, continues to push harder for Jason making it clear he is the wrong man.

Meanwhile, Johnny's dad, Joe (Stephen Collins "7th Heaven") comes over to Milly's house and, as fate would have it, Daphne is sick and staying with Milly. The two instantly show a

the end.

This film is better than your typical romantic comedy. "Because I Said So" provides enough amusement, jokes and interest to support itself. This movie was good enough to make the audience leave the theatre smiling. You can see this movie with anyone, from your significant other to your mom; it makes for a nice evening out.

So go see it, because I said so.



"Plug It In and Play" opens with "Down to This River," an account of the futility and ills of suburban sprawl and encroaching Wal-Mart.

As the music moves from a smooth, tranquil banjo and fiddle-filled military shuffle into a rising crescendo, Bedunah echoes the sonic intensity with his deliverance and growing discontent.

"Wireless e-mail's and DSL's, want to e-mail them all to go to hell. What's this world coming to? It's coming to a front porch near you," Bedunah bluntly states with conviction and a tinge of cynicism.

The disillusionment of contemporary life and the constant depletion of a rural America are Guthrie-esque; almost as if Woody himself was tossed into today's society...and certainly wasn't happy with what he saw.

Bedunah's deep baritone voice is made for sentiments of resentment and his witty dry humor.

The music of "Plug It In and Play" isn't the soul-less bastardized Nashville sound. It achieves a fresh take on the traditional country-roots staples of haunting fiddle, steady acoustic guitar and a bluesy lead guitar and cohesive syncopated shuffling rhythm, all the while easing in



Photo courtesy of SteveBedunah.com

gradual, subtly placed percussion and timely harmonies.

Bedunah isn't just some one-trick studio musician though. His live shows breath a thick energy and his band, The Hand Me Down Band, take the songs to new levels.

The only disappointment of the album was finding the lack of guitarist Paul Carr, however, as much as Bedunah and The Hand Me Down Band crisscross the interstates of Texas, finding a bluesy Carr solo comes with a bit of ambition and a tank of gasoline.

From the spookiness of "Albuquerque's a Long Way Away" to the musically ambitious "As Long As We're Friends," Bedunah, a working man's musician, hits the nail right on the head with "Plug It In and Play."

Visit SteveBedunah.com for tour dates and merchandise.

University student organizes historical exhibit paying tribute to local art of Native Americans

By Ashley Baley
Staff Writer

A University student commemorated the Caddo Indian Tribe by completing an exhibit in the Smith County Historical Society Museum in downtown Tyler.

Mary Sue Standifer is a senior at the University, working on a bachelor's degree in history with an anthropology minor. She graduated from Parkland College in Illinois as well as Tyler Junior College.

Standifer said her interests include pre-historic people. She said she researched the first inhabitants of East Texas and discovered the legacy of the Caddo Indians.

Standier said historians believe the Caddo Indians inhabited East Texas prior to the European arrival.

When Standifer discovered these original East Texan's she took an independent study in which she studied the Caddo Indians.

Employees of the Smith County Historical Society Museum wanted a permanent exhibit to display the legacy of the Caddo Indians as well as to house the Caddoan artifacts belonging to the museum, said Standifer.

Standifer said when the employees learned of Standifer's interest in the Caddo Indians, they asked her to create the exhibit to protect the artifacts.

Standifer said she accepted the challenge and the employees gave her the keys to the museum so she could work.

The exhibit took nearly a year to achieve with the support from local businesses and individuals making it possible for Standifer to complete it, said Standifer.

Standifer said the exhibit consists of a mural of Caddo Indians, a case for the artifacts, and a model of the Caddoan style house.

Standifer said she designed the mural to reflect, with historical accuracy, the pottery and other artifacts belonging to the museum. The glass case protects the artifacts.



Staff photo by Ashley Baley

Senior History major Mary Sue Standifer created the Caddo Indian exhibit display at the Smith County Historical Museum in downtown Tyler.

"I wanted to give the pots the respect and security they deserve," Standifer said.

Standifer accomplished this goal and in the process learned how to deal with a museum, how to design an exhibit, draw out a mural, and adjust the perspective to make it realistic.

"I'm sure someone else could have done it faster," Standifer said.

However, it was Standifer who dedicated many hours to the exhibit and created a memorial to the first inhabitants of East Texas.

The Smith County Historical Society Museum is located at 125 S. College and open from 10 to 4p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



Will McDonald
Entertainment editor

Talking with John Gable is a reflection of his art.

The conversation bounces back and forth between his desires to organize guerrilla haiku readings at Tyler restaurants, his solo experimental-electronic-industrial band Knifight, ground breaking cinema, and, a personal hero of mine, Stormy the Weather dog.

"I love every aspect of art. Noise, paint, film. I guess I'd call myself a gluttonous artist," said Gable.

Gable's visual art was featured at a solo exhibit at Old School Vintage on

February 8th. Twelve of his abstract acrylic paintings filled the room, creating an honest atmosphere in a room well suited for displaying art.

"I like to work as natural as possible, capturing a moment, an idea, an instant, in a sincere yet quick method of painting," said Gable.

Gable, 28, has considered himself a serious artist for 15 years. He took art classes at Tyler Junior College but credits his older brother and Van High School art teacher Daniel Howell for much of his inspiration.



"Ideally I want to make people think and expose them to things not on the surface," said Gable.

Hoping to further Tyler's emerging art scene, Gable encourages other artists to get together on a weekly basis and share ideas, art, and contribute to the countless number of artist calling East Texas home.

"Anyone with any remote interest in art, whatever medium it may be, should do whatever they can to get their work out there for the public to see. We can really have a positive effect on this city," said Gable.

John Gable can be reached at myspace.com/knifight.



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Top, artwork titled "Doubt," top right, the artist John Gable and bottom work titled "Tree."



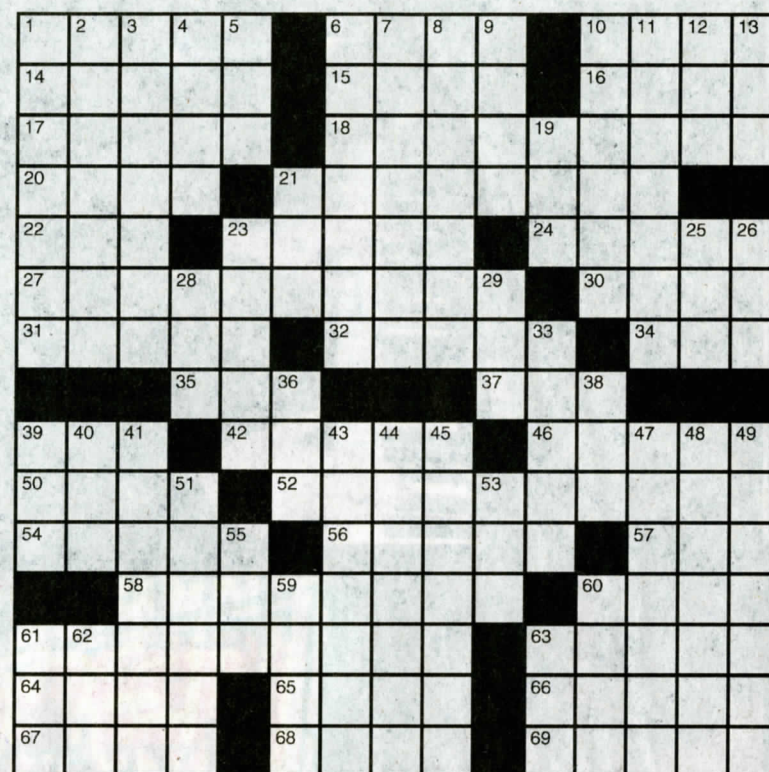
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Junior Marketing major Alahna Kings poses at the end of the catwalk for the Dress for success fashion show sponsored by Career Services and the BSA on February 14.

Staff photo by Michlle Morse

Police blotter

Journalism student arrested in conjunction with alleged drag racing accident involving five minors

Tyler police arrested junior journalism major Joshua Allen White, 20, and accused him of a drag race resulting in a car accident on Feb. 10, according to police records.

Police responded at 10:24 p.m. to the 3000 block of Grande Blvd. where it was reported that two cars were drag racing, police said.

A GMC Yukon driven by a 15-year-old lost control of his vehicle and rolled it several times ejecting an 11-year-old female onto the pavement, according to Tyler Police Department information.

Besides the driver the vehicle was occupied by four other children ages 15, 14, 13 and 11, police said.

The children were treated and released except the 11-year-old, who suffered a head injury and was admitted to East Texas Medical Center, police said.

White, of Flint was arrested on a warrant for "racing on highway causing serious bodily injury," a second-degree felony, according to police. Bond was set at \$100,000.

Charges are still pending against the 15-year-old driver of the Yukon, according to police reports.

Police said White was delivering pizzas at the time of the race.

Alcohol/Drugs

Nov. 17 – Police stopped an individual in a black KIA for a traffic violation and detected the smell of alcohol. Upon searching the vehicle a bottle of alcohol was located and the passenger was issued citations for minor in possession and minor consuming an alcoholic beverage.

Nov. 20 – Police arrested a 22-year-old male for public intoxication at a University basketball game.

Nov. 29 – Police were dispatched to University Pines in reference to drug paraphernalia and arrested two 18-year-old males for possession of marijuana.

Dec. 3 – Police arrested an 18-year-old male at University Pines for minor in possession and minor consuming alcoholic beverage.

Dec. 10 – Police responded to University Pines in reference to a possible intoxicated

subject and issued eight minor in possession citations.

Dec. 17 – A guard was dispatched to University Pines in reference to theft of motor vehicle parts.

Jan. 5 – Police located drug paraphernalia in a resident's room at Ornelas Hall.

Jan. 23 – Police issued a citation for minor consuming an alcoholic beverage to a female student.

Theft

Nov. 21 – University staff member reported a theft of \$300 to police from the University Center.

Dec. 6 – Police were dispatched to University Pines in reference to a burglary.

Dec. 7 – A 48-year-old female staff member reported to police that her wallet was stolen out of her office located in the University Center.

Dec. 20 – A University staff member reported the theft of a pair of athletic shoes from the Health and Kinesiology Building.

Jan. 10 – A University employee reported a theft in the University Center to police.

Jan. 19 – A student reported to police that the navigational system had been stolen from his vehicle at University Pines.

Jan. 25 – A male student reported to police that his blue Chevrolet Impala was broken into in Parking Lot nine.

Feb. 6 – A theft was reported from the police department.

Feb. 7 – A student reported a stolen apple iPod from the library.

Traffic

Dec. 1 – A professor reported to police that his rental vehicle had been vandalized in Parking Lot nine.

Dec. 7 – Police were dispatched to the front of the Ratliff Engineering Complex in reference to a traffic accident and issued a citation to a 21-year-old male for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Jan. 18 – Police were dispatched to Parking Lot eight where a student's truck had been hit.

Jan. 29 – A male student who tried to park illegally in a handicap parking space in Parking Lot two left the scene before police could issue a citation.

Jan. 30 – Police were dispatched to Parking Lot two where there had been a minor traffic accident.

Feb. 1 – Police were dispatched to Parking Lot three in response to a minor traffic accident involving a silver pick-up and a Dodge Neon.

Miscellaneous

Nov. 17 – A guard was dispatched to the men's room on the second floor of the business building in response to a report of graffiti.

Dec. 13 – A 19-year-old male student reported a missing cell phone to police.

Dec. 15 – Police were dispatched to Ornelas Hall in response to a disturbance involving an 18-year-old male student, and 19-year-old female student.

Dec. 17 – A guard was dispatched to University Pines in reference to criminal mischief and destroyed property.

Dec. 30 – Police responded to sounds of skateboard riders behind the Administration Building.

Jan. 11 – Police were dispatched to the Herrington Patriot Center in response to a verbal disturbance involving two male students.

Jan. 13 – An employee reported a cell phone missing from the University bookstore.

Jan. 22 – Police were dispatched to the University Center in response to a medical emergency of a female employee who was later transported to East Texas Medical Center.

Jan. 23 – A male student was found sleeping in the HPR building after hours, and was asked to leave.

Jan. 30 – Police were dispatched to the Herrington Patriot Center in response to a terroristic threat.

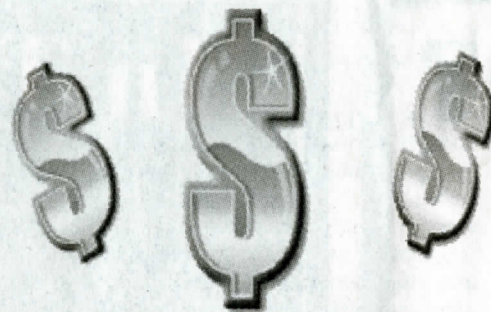
Jan. 31 – A male student was arrested for evading a detention warrant.

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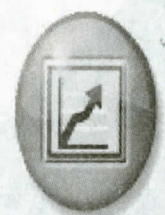
Dec. 3 – Police issued a criminal trespass warning to an 18-year-old female at University Pines.

Jan. 15 – A University alumnus was issued a criminal trespass warning from the entire University.

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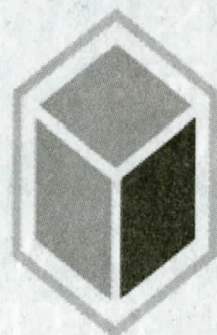
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Junior Engineering major Duy-Anh Doan gets ready for his music video filmed by Fun Flicks Movie Makers sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Debate team continues to win

By Lauren Hufham
Staff writer

The University debate team continued their fall success in their first tournament of the semester at California State-Fullerton Jan. 26-28.

Debating issues such as marijuana law and alternative fuels, Sean Dodd and David Brown finished third in Open

Parliamentary Team Debate.

The two also won Speaker awards — Dodd received fifth and Brown tenth.

In the fall, the team won 26 awards including 15 in the top three.

The team will compete three more times this semester with the next tournament beginning at the University of West Florida on March 2-4.

Fraternities colonize on campus

By Karla Clark
Staff Writer

Male University students disinterested in campus organizations might find their niche this spring with Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities colonizing the University.

The two fraternities established a presence on campus at the beginning of this semester and will continue to actively recruit and hold interest meetings, but not conduct an actual "rush" session, representatives from the two fraternities said.

"I wanted to get involved in an organization, to find camaraderie, but some of the other opportunities on campus didn't really appeal to me. In joining a fraternity, you're not only involved while you go to school, but as long as you stay active, you can be a member for life," new Pi Kappa Phi member Walter Green said.

Students who express interest in joining one of the two fraternities must go through an interview process. If the student is approved to join, the fraternity will offer the student a bid for membership. The student may then accept or deny the bid.

"We're screening our guys carefully," Sigma Alpha Epsilon recruiter Jeff Hawthorne said. "We're looking for the true gentlemen — we want to have a good group of guys who don't fit the stereotype."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon representatives Hawthorne and Stanley Kinney said their fraternity focuses on the true gentlemen initiative, to form

We're screening our guys carefully. We're looking for the true gentlemen.

**Jeff Hawthorne
frat recruiter**

students into men of quality and character.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon will actively recruit for one year, Hawthorne said.

Membership dues for Sigma Alpha Epsilon have not been set yet, but members will most likely pay somewhere between \$200 and \$250 per semester, Hawthorne said.

To join Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, students must pay an \$80 pre-initiation fee, a one-time \$200 initiation fee, and the \$125 national organization insurance fee.

Monthly fees for both fraternities will vary according to what activities the individual chapters would like to participate in.

Some chapters participate more in campus life than others, but Pi Kappa Phi officials encourage all members to participate in leadership and community service initiatives, Pi Kappa Phi recruiter Brandon Belote said.

"The biggest thing we're all about

is deconstructing fraternity stereotypes; we want to eliminate them. I'm not going to lie. Not each chapter is immune from problems, but we want this to be the ideal chapter. We want to leave a legacy for fraternities that come to this campus after us," Belote said.

The University selected both fraternities to deconstruct the fraternity stereotype portrayed on television, Student Life developer Melinda Sutton said.

Recruitment officers from Pi Kappa Phi national headquarters colonized the campus two weeks ago, and left Feb. 8. The Pi Kappa Phi recruiters said they hoped to have at least 35 colony members before leaving, Belote said.

"Thirty-five seems to be the magic number at which a chapter can sustain itself," he said.

Although University officials do not currently plan to build fraternity or sorority houses, the possibility is not out of the question, Melinda Sutton said.

Up to this point, the University has only spent around \$800 or \$900 on the fraternities to mail out letters to students, Sutton said.

So far, 14 students have joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon and 26 have joined the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, recruiters from the fraternities said.

However, it's not so easy to identify which students are members, Green said.

"You might find it hard to get names of members from other members. It's not a secret or anything... it's just a brotherhood thing," Green said.

Police say campus security adequate

By Ray Napolitan
Contributing writer

Female students may feel unsafe walking to their cars at night, although campus police officers view their security measures as adequate.

Some of the female students interviewed said walking alone at night is scary because they don't see campus police on patrol.

"The campus has dark spots. It's overrun by shadows and the yellow lights in the parking lots give off eerie vibes," said junior Elizabeth Walker. "I would suggest a brighter bulb."

Other students say they take their own security measures.

"I put my keys in my hand so I can punch someone if they come up to me," senior Shelby McCray said.

Sgt. Robert Burgett said the police force has adequate

manpower, however, officers cannot be everywhere at once. Officers have other responsibilities — like locking buildings — than just patrolling the campus, he said.

"While on patrol we try to maintain a visual presence to deter criminal behavior," he said.

As for the lighting situation, Burgett said officers flag the non-working lights with a ribbon of tape and notify the officials responsible for changing the bulbs.

Burgett said he advises students to walk to their cars in groups, leave the building with key in hand and maintain constant awareness.

Campus police also will escort students to their vehicles after night classes, he said.

Blue emergency stations are located around campus, where students may call for help.

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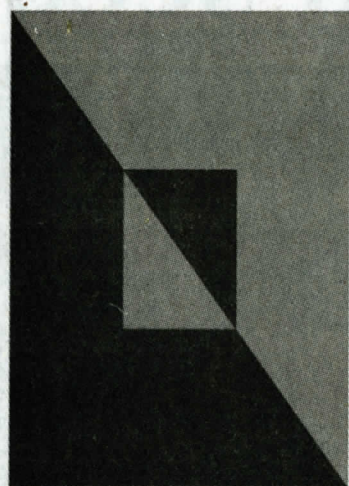


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Feb. 5 Home

UT Dallas 60,

UT Tyler 47

Score by period 1 2 total

UT Tyler 27 20 47

UT Dallas 26 34 60

Points: UT Tyler - M. Reed 6-14 0-1 14; A. Hightower 5-10 3-3 13; L. Ware 2-5 2-2 7; J. Cotton 3-6 0-0 7; M. Smith 2-3 0-1 4; M. Riccardi 1-2 0-0 2; C. Floyd 0-0 0-0 0; M. Hill 0-2 0-0 0; J. Solomon 0-0 0-0 0; H. Kareem 0-0 0-0 0; J. Twine 0-0 0-0 0; A. Reese 0-5 0-0 0; B. Weasby 0-0 0-0 0.

Feb. 8 at Longview

LeTourneau 57,

UT Tyler 54

Score by period 1 2 total

UT Tyler 30 24 54

LeTourneau 29 28 57

Points: UT Tyler - Anthony Reese 6-11 3-5 15; Hakeem Kareem 5-11 1-1 12; Mirada Reed 3-10 2-2 9; Larry Ware 0-7 7-9 7; Anthony Hightower 2-7 0-0 4; Jeff Cotton 1-3 0-0 3; Mike Smith 1-4 0-0 2; Marlon Hill 1-3 0-0 2; Chase Floyd 0-1 0-0 0; Josh Twine 0-1 0-0 0; Matt Riccardi 0-1 0-0 0.

Feb. 10 at Marshall

East Texas Baptist Univ. 85,

UT Tyler 83, 2 OT

Score by period 1 2 OT 2OT total

UT Tyler 33 36 6 8 83

ETBU 33 36 6 10 85

Points: UT Tyler - Anthony Hightower 9-19 2-4 20; Larry Ware 6-14 4-5 16; Anthony Reese 6-13 2-2 14; Mirada Reed 3-13 3-7 10; Hakeem Kareem 4-6 0-0 8; Mike Smith 3-6 0-3 6; Jeff Cotton 2-7 1-2 5; Josh Twine 1-2 0-0 2; Matt Riccardi 0-1 2-2 2; Chase Floyd 0-0 0-0 0.

Feb. 15 at Home

UT Tyler 68,

Louisiana College 47

Score by period 1 2 total

Louisiana College 22 25 47

UT Tyler 33 35 68

Points: UT Tyler - Anthony Reese 7-13 1-2 15; Larry Ware 4-9 6-6 14; Mike Smith 5-7 0-1 10; Jeff Cotton 4-8 0-0 8; Anthony Hightower 4-9 0-1 8; Chase Floyd 3-5 1-1 7; Mirada Reed 1-8 1-2 3; Marlon Hill 1-3 0-0 3; Joe Solomon 0-0 0-0 0; Hakeem Kareem 0-1 0-0 0; Josh Twine 0-0 0-0 0; Matt Riccardi 0-0 0-0 0.

Feb. 17 at Home

#7 Mississippi College 61,

UT Tyler 37

Score by period 1 2 total

Mississippi College 27 34 61

UT Tyler 11 26 37

Points: UT Tyler - Anthony Hightower 3-10 2-2 8; Chase Floyd 3-4 1-2 7; Hakeem Kareem 2-4 2-4 6; Mike Smith 3-7 0-0 6; Anthony Reese 1-4 3-4 5; Larry Ware 1-6 0-0 3; Josh Twine 1-2 0-0 2; Marlon Hill 0-5 0-0 0; Mirada Reed 0-10 0-0 0; Joe

Women finish season in second

Jeremy Cotham

Sports Editor

The women Patriots basketball team and the four Patriots' seniors helped cap off a great season in a 94-71 route over the Lady Choctaws of Mississippi College (16-9, 11-9) Saturday afternoon at the Herrington Patriot Center.

The Patriots (17-8, 14-6) finished the season winning seven of their last eight games, securing sole possession of second place in the American Southwest Conference East Division.

"That's one thing about this team, three out of the four years we have been in existence, we have been able to finish the season strong on some form of winning streak," said coach Terri Deike. "I was glad to see after the loss to ETBU, we still came out and won our last two games."

The Patriots, however, will not advance to the postseason because the University is in its last year of the four-year provisional period.

On Feb. 10, the Patriots traveled to Marshall in a conference showdown between the top two teams in the ASC East and the Lady Tigers of ETBU came out on top, 89-80.

With the win, ETBU secured first place, ending the Patriots streak of two years of at least a share of the ASC East division title and giving the Lady Tigers their first conference title since 2000.

"When you look at that kind of team, they are just so fast and good at driving," Deike said in a press release.

After the game on Saturday against Mississippi College, all four senior players were honored for their time and dedication to the team. They were honored at mid-court, receiving gifts and awards from Deike.

The four senior Patriots are RaTonya Hunter (Athens HS), Sha' Shead (LaPoyner HS), Sarah Stanley (Rockwall HS/Oklahoma Christian) and LaKeisha Grant (Marshall HS/Southern Arkansas).

"Those seniors are what UT Tyler is all about. They have set the tone and showed how to play the fast-break game," Deike said. "The good crowd we had today, I was hoping they went away having defined what our basketball team is really like. The seniors put on an exhibition today of what UT Tyler basketball really is and I'm proud of them."

Hunter and Shead were both members

of the inaugural women's team four years ago and have been on the team ever since with Shead playing every single game in Patriot history.

On the day, the four seniors combined for 65 of the 94 points with Shead leading the way with 20 points and 10 rebounds and finishes with 11 double-doubles in her illustrious career, which is a University record.

Shead suited up in a total 99 games in her career and leaves as the teams' all-time leading scorer with 1,408 points and all-time leading rebounding leader with 671 in her career.

Hunter and Stanley then put in 16 points a piece while Hunter finished with eight assists and nine steals, one shy of her own school record of 10 steals, which was set in the last game against Louisiana College. Hunter also recorded the teams first ever steals-points double-double against Louisiana College.

Stanley, who came to the Patriots team as transfer when she was a sophomore, finishes her career as the leading three-point shooter in school history, hitting 43 percent of those in her three years on the team.

Grant also finished in her last game with 13 points and eight rebounds. Grant is a transfer student from Southern Arkansas University and has averaged almost 10 points a game this season and has scored in double figures 11 times this season.

The Lady Choctaws got off to a fast start, making their first six shots, jumping out to a 14-6 lead. But it was the Patriots who responded with a 15-1 run to get ahead, 21-15.

The Patriots held a slim 41-37 lead at the half as both teams shot 55 percent from the field in the first half.

It was in the first nine minutes of the second half when the Patriots would put the game away as they went on a 28-6 run to pull out to a 69-43 lead and they never looked back after that.

"At halftime, we made a few adjustments defensively and we emphasized that this was the last game of the season and we need to play like UT Tyler plays," Deike said. "We also tried to keep it out of number 21's hands because she is an excellent player for them. She can score really quickly for them."



Staff photo by Kyle G. Horst

Patriots senior Shamonica Shead pushes through guard Krystle Hunter to attempt a lay-up. The Patriots ended the season in second place.

Patriots finish season with 61-37 loss to nationally ranked Mississippi College

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Women

Feb. 5 Home
UT Tyler 93,
UT Dallas 55

Score by period	1	2	total
UT Tyler	54	39	93
UT Dallas	22	33	55
Points: UT Tyler - S. Stanley 9-18 6-8 25; S. Shead 6-9 2-3 14; K. Buggs 6-7 0-0 12; A. Lewis 3-4 6-7 12; L. Grant 4-5 0-0 8; H. Hennig 4-5 0-0 8; B. Taylor 2-2 0-0 4; A. Carpenter 1-2 2-2 4; L. Williams 1-3 0-0 2; K. Walker 1-1 0-0 2; R. Hunter 1-5 0-0 2; J. Blevins 0-0 0-0 0; E. Aguilar 0-0 0-0 0; A. Ploof 0-1 0-0 0.			

Feb. 8 at Longview
UT Tyler 88,
LeTourneau 45

Score by period	1	2	total
UT Tyler	47	41	88
LeTourneau	17	28	45
Points: UT Tyler - LaKeisha Grant 10-13 1-2 21; Shamonica Shead 8-10 3-4 19; Sarah Stanley 6-14 1-2 15; Becky Taylor 4-7 1-1 9; Haleigh Hennig 3-10 1-2 7; Alyssa Ploof 2-3 0-0 4; RaTonya Hunter 2-7 0-0 4; Lashaina Williams 1-4 0-0 2; Kasey Buggs 1-2 0-0 2; Amy Carpenter 1-1 0-0 2; Justyn Blevins 1-1 0-0 2; Alexis Lewis 0-2 1-2 1; Erika Aguilar 0-0 0-0 0; Kelli Walker 0-1 0-0 0; Alex Walls 0-0 0-0 0.			

Feb. 10 at Marshall
East Texas Baptist Univ. 89,
UT Tyler 80

Score by period	1	2	total
UT Tyler	38	42	80
ETBU	46	43	89

Points: UT Tyler - Shamonica Shead 8-17 5-6 21; RaTonya Hunter 8-14 1-3 18; Sarah Stanley 5-16 1-2 13; Alexis Lewis 3-12 4-5 10; Kasey Buggs 4-8 0-2 8; LaKeisha Grant 3-5 0-3 6; Haleigh Hennig 2-3 0-0 4; Kelli Walker 0-1 0-0 0; Becky Taylor 0-0 0-0 0; Lashaina Williams 0-1 0-0 0.

Feb. 15 at Home
UT Tyler 99,
Louisiana College 56

Score by period	1	2	total
Louisiana College	18	38	56
UT Tyler	53	46	99

Points: UT Tyler - Sarah Stanley 12-21 2-3 28; LaKeisha Grant 7-13 2-3 16; Shamonica Shead 7-14 2-2 16; Kasey Buggs 6-11 2-3 14; RaTonya Hunter 4-10 3-4 11; Haleigh Hennig 2-5 2-2 6; Amy Carpenter 1-1 0-0 2; Alexis Lewis 1-6 0-0 2; Justyn Blevins 1-4 0-0 2; Becky Taylor 1-2 0-0 2; Alyssa Ploof 0-1 0-0 0; Erika Aguilar 0-1 0-0 0; Lashaina Williams 0-1 0-0 0; Kelli Walker 0-0 0-0 0; Alex Walls 0-0 0-0 0.

Feb. 17 at Home
UT Tyler 94,
Mississippi College 71

Score by period	1	2	total
Mississippi College	37	34	71
UT Tyler	41	53	94

Points: UT Tyler - Shamonica Shead 9-19 2-3 20; RaTonya Hunter 7-10 2-3 16; Sarah Stanley 6-16 3-3 16; Kasey Buggs 6-9 2-3 14; LaKeisha Grant 3-9 7-7 13; Alexis Lewis 3-3 0-0 6; Haleigh Hennig 2-2 0-0 4; Becky Taylor 1-2 1-2 3; Lashaina Williams 1-1 0-0 2; Amy Carpenter 0-1 0-0 0; Alex Walls 0-0 0-0 0; Justyn Blevins 0-0 0-0 0.

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Staff photo by Kyle G. Horst

Patriots Junior Anthony Hightower tries to get around a Louisiana College defender to put up a shot during the Patriots 68-47 win.

Patriots sweep Mid-America University in doubleheader

By Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

James Vilade and his University baseball team are off to a 4-0 undefeated start thanks in part to a weekend three-game sweep over Mid-America Christian University, a NAIA school out of Oklahoma.

The men opened up the 2007 season with a 3-1 win on Feb. 10 against McMurry University.

Then on Friday, the Patriots shut-out Mid-America and poured on 16 runs to win the opening game 16-0 of a three-game series.

On Saturday, the game was played under the sun, but the cold north wind was blowing out to center field and the Patriots won the first game, 5-0, and won the second game, 9-4.

"I thought there was great balance between pitching and hitting all weekend long," said coach Vilade. "Our pitching was terrific and our guys were challenging and attacking their hitters all weekend long."

On Friday night, first baseman Brett Amyx had the first two home runs of the season as the Patriots scored eight runs in the first two innings on seven hits and three errors by Mid-America.

Amyx finished the night with six RBI's while Brett Holland (1-0) got the win by working five innings and striking out six and only allowing two hits.

On Saturday, the Patriots' pitchers continued the scoreless inning streak as they shutout Mid-America 21 of the 23 innings on the weekend.

In the first game of the doubleheader on

By Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

Coming off one of the best performance of the season's last game, the Patriots had their worse offensive game of the year, shooting 23 percent on the way to a 61-37 defeat Saturday afternoon to Mississippi College.

The Choctaws are ranked No. 7 by DC3hoops.com and finish the season with only one conference loss, which came by the hands of LeTourneau University.

Last Thursday night, the Patriots had their biggest defeat of the season when they knocked off Louisiana College, 68-47, where they shot a reasonable 46 percent from the field.

Saturday was a whole different story as the men started off only shooting 2-of-8 but still managed

a dismal 4-3 lead with 13 minutes left in the opening half.

The Choctaws struggled for most of the first half but still pulled out to a 16-point halftime lead, 27-11.

In the first half, the Patriots shot just 19 percent and there lowest point total in a half for the season.

The Patriots woke up some in the second half but it was too little too late as the Choctaws kept them out of reach.

Leading scorer for the Patriots was Anthony Hightower, who only had eight points.

The Patriots had less turnovers than the Choctaws but it was poor shooting from the field that hurt them the most.

On Feb. 10, the men traveled to Marshall and played what

turned out to be the second longest game in men's history.

They took East Texas Baptist University to double-overtime before falling, 85-83 in what was another heartbreaking loss.

Two days before that, the men fell by three points to the Yellowjackets of LeTourneau, 57-54.

But those two heartbreaking losses didn't keep the men down as they came out and dominated the boards against Louisiana College, out-rebounding them 49-20.

The only senior for the Patriots was Brandon Weasby, who was lost all season to a knee injury.

He will file for a medical red-shirt and will try and come back for one more season for the Patriots.

Our pitching was terrific and our guys were challenging and attacking their hitters all weekend long.

Coach James Vilade

Saturday, Amyx got the scoring started in the bottom of the first with two outs, hitting a line-drive homerun inside the foul pole, which got out in a hurry.

It was also his third homerun of the weekend.

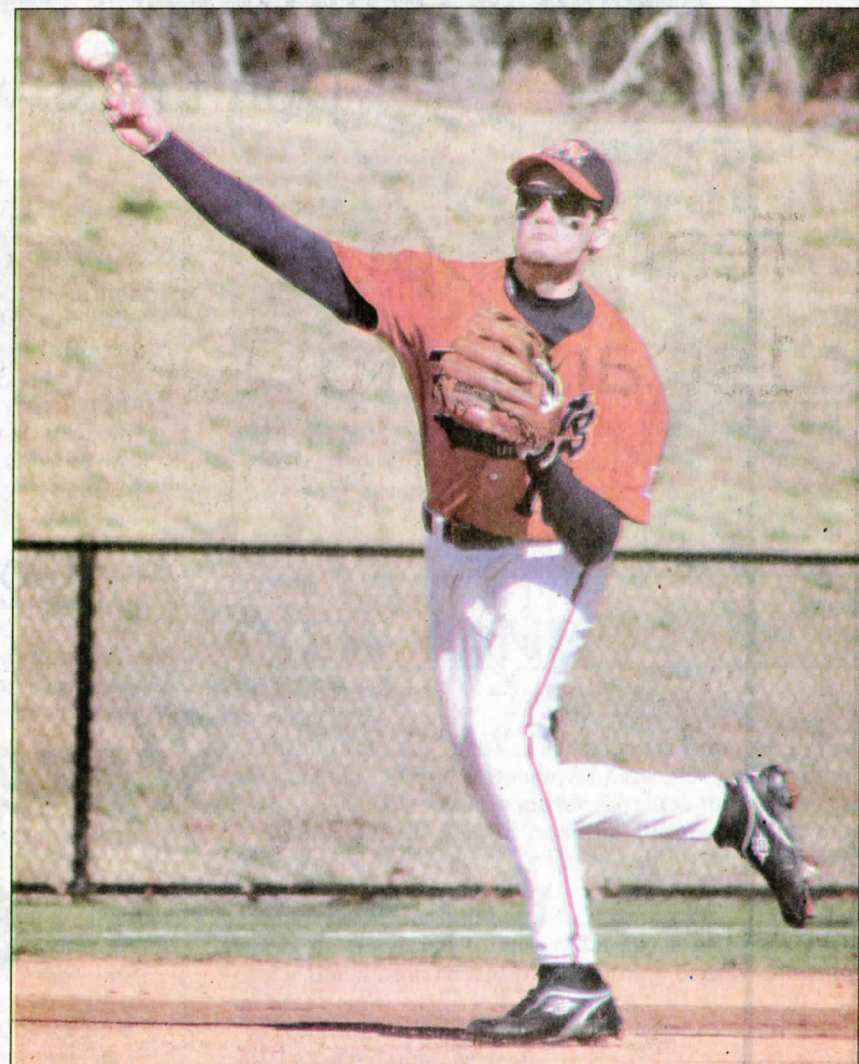
The Patriots put the game away in the third inning when they sent eight men to the plate and scored three runs on four hits, putting them ahead 4-0.

Ryan Campbell (1-0) recorded the win with six shutout innings.

In the second game, the Patriots scored three runs in the first two innings before Mid-America cut the lead into one (3-2) and broke the scoreless streak of 18 innings without scoring. The Patriots responded with three runs in the fourth inning to give them a 6-2 lead.

Hitting star in the second game was catcher Zach James, who went 3-for-4, all of them singles and scored three runs.

Winning pitcher in the second game was Blake Booher (1-0).



Staff photo by Michelle Morse

Sophomore infielder Joseph Towns throws the ball from third to first during the second game of their double-header on Saturday against Mid-America Christian University. The Patriots won both games 5-0 and 9-4.

SCOREBOARD

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Baseball

Feb. 11 at Home

UT Tyler 3 - McMurry 1

Score by Innings	R	H	E
McMurry	000	000	010 - 1 9 2
UT Tyler	200	001	00X - 3 7 1

Feb. 16 at Home

UT Tyler 16 - Mid America 0

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Mid America	000	000	000 - 0 3 3
UT Tyler	354	110	20X - 16 15 0

Feb. 17 at Home, Game 1

UT Tyler 5 - Mid America 0

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Mid America	000	000	0 - 0 3 2
UT Tyler	103	010	X - 5 9 0

Feb. 17 at Home, Game 2

UT Tyler 9 - Mid America 4

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Mid America	002	002	0 - 4 6 2
UT Tyler	120	321	X - 9 12 3

Tennis

Feb. 10 at Home

Men

UT Tyler 8,
Oklahoma Wesleyan 1

Singles competition

1. Nicholas Rivadeneira (OWUMEN) def. David Ashlock (UT Tyler) retired
2. Bryan Jolly (UT Tyler) def. Geoff Pearman (OWUMEN) 6-4, 6-3
3. Tripp Farmer (UT Tyler) def. Sergio Alava (OWUMEN) 6-3, 7-6 (6-0)

4. Ryan May (UT Tyler) def. Jim Rabuck (OWUMEN) 6-1, 6-3
5. William McDonald (UT Tyler) def. Ben Schmitt (OWUMEN) 6-1, 6-1
6. Brad Fenter (UT Tyler) def. Ryan Kosmicki (OWUMEN) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles competition

1. Bryan Jolly/David Ashlock (UT Tyler) def. Geoff Pearman/Nicholas Rivadeneira (OWUMEN) 9-7
2. Ryan May/Nick Kreines (UT Tyler) def. Sergio Alava/Jim Rabuck (OWUMEN) 8-1
3. Brad Fenter/William McDonald (UT Tyler) def. Ryan Kosmicki/Ben Schmitt (OWUMEN) 8-4

Texas-Tyler 9,
Concordia-Austin 0

Singles competition

1. Bryan Jolly (UT Tyler) def. Joe Torres (CUAMEN) 6-1, 6-0
2. Brad Fenter (UT Tyler) def. Pat Durbin (CUAMEN) 6-1, 6-0
3. Nick Kreines (UT Tyler) def. Mario Beltran (CUAMEN) 6-1, 6-0
4. Tim Pedraza (UT Tyler) def. Jared Juszizak (CUAMEN) 6-0, 6-0
5. Marcus Koenig (UT Tyler) def.

Steven Dayten (CUAMEN) 6-0, retired
6. Joseph Vann (UT Tyler) def. Chris Shadrock (CUAMEN) 6-0, 6-1

Doubles competition

1. Ryan May/Nick Kreines (UT Tyler) def. Pat Durbin/Mario Beltran (CUAMEN) 8-1
2. William McDonald/Brad Fenter (UT Tyler) def. Josh Hutton/Joe Torres (CUAMEN) 8-1
3. Tim Pedraza/Tripp Farmer (UT Tyler) def. Justin Bell/Jared Juszizak (CUAMEN) 8-0

Women

UT Tyler 9,
Oklahoma Wesleyan 0

Singles competition

1. Beth Launius (UT Tyler) def. Amanda Beagle (OWUWOMEN) 6-0, 6-1
2. Sophie Webber (UT Tyler) def. Amy Dozier (OWUWOMEN) 6-0, 6-2
3. Nicole Barrett (UT Tyler) def. Kaci Potts (OWUWOMEN) 6-0, 6-1
4. Brittany Ude (UT Tyler) def. Aida Hernandez (OWUWOMEN) 6-1, 6-2
5. Danielle Domingues (UT Tyler) def. Sarah Coggins (OWUWOMEN) 6-2, 6-3
6. Stephanie Sorich (UT Tyler) def. Brenda Gunter (OWUWOMEN) 2-6, 7-5, 10-5

Doubles competition

1. Nicole Barrett/Beth Launius (UT Tyler) def. Amy Dozier/Amanda Beagle (OWUWOMEN) 8-1
2. Danielle Domingues/Sophie Webber (UT Tyler) def. Sarah Coggins/Kaci Potts (OWUWOMEN) 8-2
3. Kristen Coy/Brittany Ude (UT Tyler) def. Brenda Gunter/Aida Hernandez (OWUWOMEN) 8-3

UT Tyler 9,
Concordia-Austin 0

Singles competition

1. Beth Launius (UT Tyler) def. Allison Green (CUAWOMEN) 6-0, 6-0
2. Nicole Barrett (UT Tyler) def. Leah Barden (CUAWOMEN), by default
3. Brittany Ude (UT Tyler) def. Katis Osborn (CUAWOMEN) 6-2, 6-1
4. Danielle Domingues (UT Tyler) def. Antichette Strong (CUAWOMEN) 6-0, 6-2
5. Stephanie Sorich (UT Tyler) def. Sara Knox (CUAWOMEN) 6-0, 6-0
6. Roxanne Bowman (UT Tyler) def. Joanna Knolhoff (CUAWOMEN) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles competition

1. Nicole Barrett/Beth Launius (UT Tyler) def. Leah Barden/Allison Green (CUAWOMEN) 8-0
2. Danielle Domingues/Sophie Webber (UT Tyler) def. Katis Osborn/Antichette Strong (CUAWOMEN) 8-1
3. Kristen Coy/Brittany Ude (UT Tyler) def. Sara Knox/Joanna Knolhoff (CUAWOMEN) 8-0

Men, women Tennis begins season at 4-0

By Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

The University men's and women's tennis team got off to the best possible start of the 2007 season as each team won both of its games played on Feb. 10 at the Summers Tennis Center.

Not only did both teams start the year a combined 4-0, but also coach Christopher Bizot toppled the 100-career win mark after coming into the season with 99 career wins.

"I think I'm very fortunate to have all the great players I've had during my career and earning 100 wins is really a testament to them more than it is to me," Bizot said in a press release.

The men and women played Oklahoma Wesleyan University

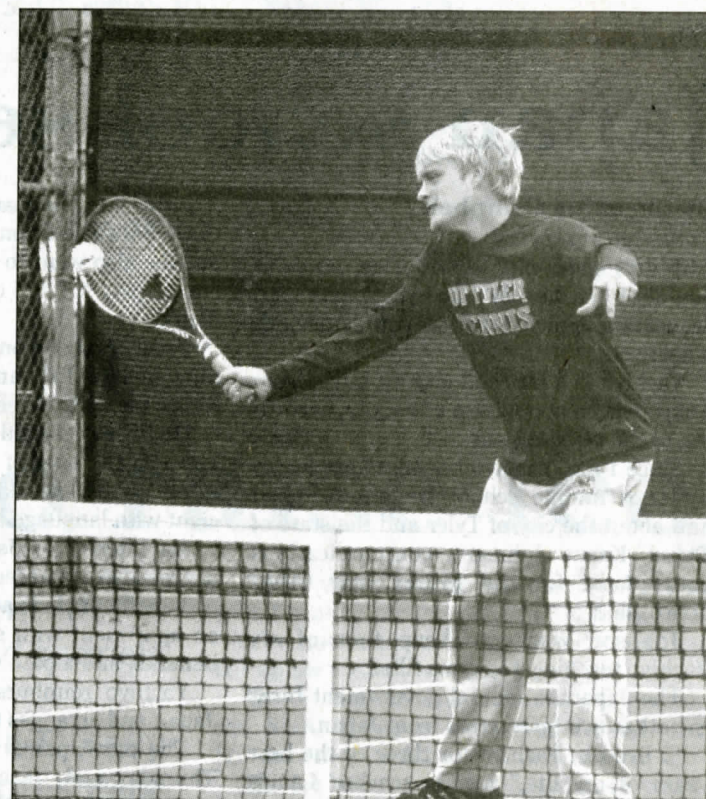
in a non-conference match at 10 a.m. and then turned around five hours later and played an American Southwest Conference game against Concordia-Austin at 3 p.m.

The men won both of their games by a score of 8-1 and 9-0 while the women swept both of its opponents by the exact same score of 9-0.

Both teams are now 2-0 overall with a 1-0 record in the ASC.

After it was all said and done, the only match the Patriots lost all day was in the men's singles match between the Patriots and OWU.

The Patriots men and women tennis teams return to the Summers Tennis center this Saturday to face Louisiana College at 10 a.m.



Courtesy Photo of University Sports Information Office

Patriots' Will McDonald returns a hit during his singles match.

Softball opens season with three straight wins

By Jeremy Cotham
Sports Editor

The University softball team is off to just as fast a start as coach Mike Reed would hope for as the Patriots are 3-0 to open the 2007 season after playing all the games on the road.

The Patriots opened last Wednesday with an outstanding victory by beating an NCAA Division I school.

The Patriots traveled to Shreveport and knocked off Centenary College, 6-4.

Last season, the Patriots were shut out by Centenary, 2-0.

On Saturday, they traveled to Sherman to face Austin College and came away with a 12-3 win in game one and a 16-6 win in the second game.

"I thought we played really well in both games since the wind was about 30 mph and it was cold," Reed said. "We hit the ball really well and I was

excited to see our offense get better."

Both games were called off after the fifth inning due to the mercy rule, which is an eight run lead after five innings.

In the first game, senior pitcher Sam Darr (2-0) got the win and in the second game, it was Taylor Deddes (1-0) making her first collegiate start and getting the win in only 2-and-2/3 innings of work.

On the day, the women had four home runs.

"It was exciting to see the home runs and the power of our offense," Reed said. "It was really neat to know that we got four homeruns today and that in our first year of play, we only had three [HR's] that whole year."

The softball will play at home on Thursday, starting at 3 p.m. in a doubleheader against George Fox University.

Intramural sports offer stress reducing activities

By Lauren Hufham
Staff writer

The University's recreational sports program offers something for everyone.

Programs include fitness classes, intramurals, outdoor adventures, and clubs.

Participants may take fitness classes Monday through Thursday throughout the day and in the morning on Friday. Classes range in intensity from Beginner Pilates to Ripped and in variety from Dance to Core Crunch.

People like the fitness classes because they "always get a good workout and [they] feel good about [themselves] when done," said Todd Burke, frequent Herrington Patriot Center visitor.

Intramurals offer an assortment of activities that include racquetball, basketball, Putt-Putt golf, volleyball, and flag football. Fitness challenges offer free stuff for working out. "Intramurals are a good

experience to get to know more people. It's good that the school funds it and promotes it," said Adrian Armendariz, intramural tennis player.

The outdoor adventures program allows students to experience new things such as skiing, skydiving, mountain biking, and canoeing. The most recent trip was to Wolf Creek, Colorado to ski.

"I enjoyed getting out of Texas and experiencing snow even though the trip got cut short. The ride back was just as fun," said ski trip member Heather McCreary.

This semester's trips include camping, a Sabine River trip, skydiving, and an endurance training camp off the coast of Maine.

National Recreational Sports and Fitness Day, February 22, celebrates the day the NIRSA was founded. The HPC is holding a King of the Couch PS2 tournament that day.

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Tyler's Sister City

Japan school seeking teachers

By Christina Campbell
Contributing writer

Tyler's sister city is hiring an assistant language teacher in Yachiyo, Japan and requesting applications from students with a degree.

Yachiyo is a forested city 40 miles from Tokyo with a population of 24,352, according to the 2000 census.

Since 1992, Yachiyo has hired graduates to teach middle school students English and about the city of Tyler and the state of Texas, Kazue Johnson, communications coordinator for the Tyler Sister Cities board, said.

Johnson works to keep four of six Yachiyo teaching positions filled.

The Japanese federal government hires the other two instructors from Japan.

"I lived in Yachiyo for three of the best years of my life," former teacher Laurie Little said.

Little said she planned assignments and worked with children during the school day, but she also went to work early and stayed late to play softball or basketball with students.

Teachers sign a one-year contract, beginning in late July and have the option to renew for up to three years.

Qualified candidates include females between the ages of 23-35, who are native to an English-speaking country and proficient with language usage.

An interest in Japan and a bachelor's degree also are necessary requirements.

Benefits include a \$30,000 a year salary, an apartment with subsidized rent, health benefits, and a paid vacation.

Yachiyo reimburses travel expenses to Japan and arranges travel home.

The participants work Monday through Thursday and "teachers become students on Fridays," Johnson said, "they go to the

Board of Education building, and learn Japanese language and culture."

She believes this is a great opportunity for young woman to see another side of the world. Teachers also will take away valuable job skills for the future, Johnson said.

"The job in Japan taught me how to better teach people whose first language is not English," Little said.

During her time off, Little said she traveled Japan and Asia taking in culture through traditional tea ceremonies and kabuki, which is traditional Japanese theater.

"Past teachers from Tyler traveled all over Japan and to nearby places such as Hawaii, Korea, China, Singapore, The Philippines, Thailand, India, even to Australia," Johnson said.

Students interested in the opportunity to travel and teach in Yachiyo should e-mail Johnson at himekoj@cs.com.

Baptist group plans spring groundbreaking

By Kelly Dry
Contributing writer

Baptist Student Ministry officials said their organization still needs \$300,000 in contributions before construction can begin on a new student center near campus.

The Patriot Drive location consists of 2.5 acres at the intersection of Varsity Drive just across from the most northeastern part of campus.

"The hope is that we can break ground this semester and have it complete by December," BSM coordinator Joseph Osteen said.

He and director Mark Jones launched a "Beyond All" fundraising campaign nearly two years ago.

To date, one family donated \$300,000 and other businesses, families, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Osteen said, also have made donations.

Jones said the organization also is speaking with Bo Pilgrim, owner of Pilgrim's Pride chicken about funding. Pilgrim donated funds in 1990 to help build a BSM stu-



Staff photo by Michelle Morse

The Baptist Student Ministry is in need of \$300,000 to start construction on their student center.

dent center at Tyler Junior College, he said.

The BSM wants to increase its presence at the University with a new student center.

"BSM is an arm of the church on the college campus today," said Ron Wells, director of Centerpoint Ministries and a former BSM director.

"Through establishing the

BSM on the UT Tyler campus, we have the opportunity to reach college students with the potential to impact the entire world."

Plans for the student center include a prayer room, recreational room, outdoor volleyball court, a deck, a coffee shop, and an outdoor fireplace and grill.

A portion of the 9,000 square foot building will be the "Great Room," Jones said.

This room is designed for large group meeting, student lunches, worship meetings and other student activities, he said.

"The building isn't the beginning of ministry, it just takes ministry to a new level," Jones said.

Although construction has yet to begin, the BSM is actively serving students and faculty on campus.

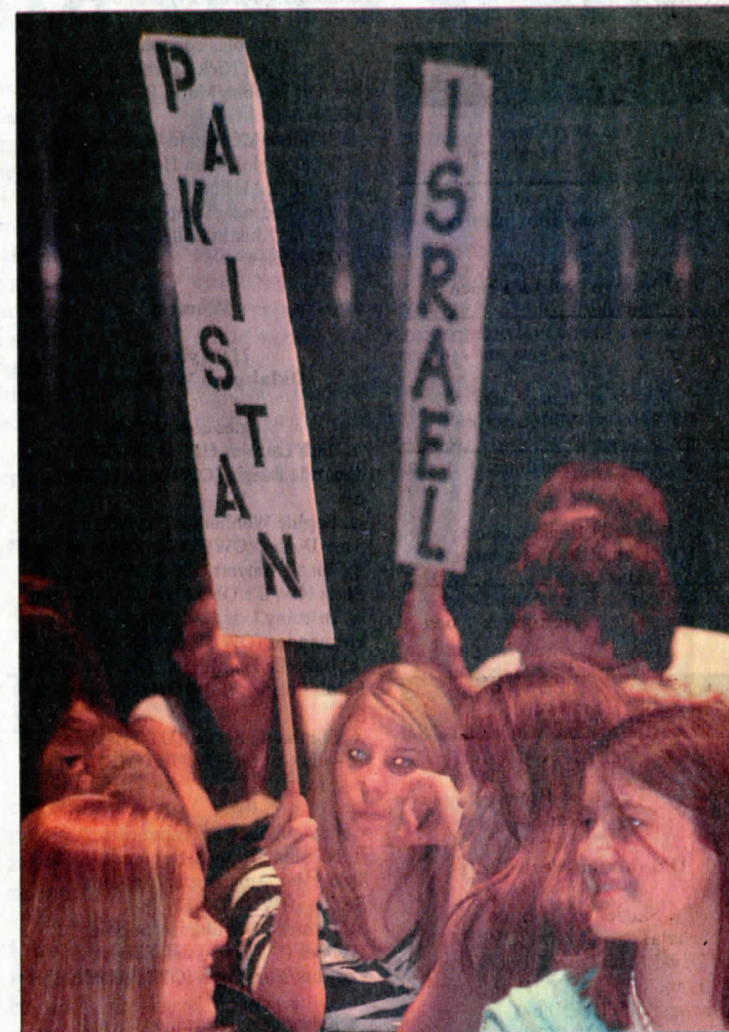
The organization offers a free lunch every Monday and serves a faculty breakfast twice a semester in Room 221 of the University Center.

The Campus Outreach Team, Community Outreach Team and the Prayer Team are also part of the BSM that meet at noon on Tuesday and Wednesday in UC 227.

Last year, the organization sponsored a mission trip to Southeast Asia.

Organizers are planning a mission trip to New Orleans this year.

MODEL U.N. SUMMIT



Staff photo by Kyle G. Horst

Representing the country of Pakistan, Kate Glaze, a junior at Gilmer High School, raises her placard to cast her country's vote in the Model United Nations Summit meetings.

Florida students try class-action suit over high textbook prices

By Pedro Ruz Gutierrez
The Orlando Sentinel

(MCT) — In a first-of-its-kind lawsuit that could affect thousands of college students who think they are overcharged for textbooks, two Daytona Beach Community College students have sued the nation's largest collegiate-bookstore chain and their school.

The class-action suit, filed in Orlando's federal court, alleges unfair and illegal pricing practices and seeks to recover at least \$5 million in damages. It accuses the Follett Higher Education Group and DBCC of overcharg-

ing students pennies on each used-book sale and underpaying them when buying books back.

Though that may amount to only a few bucks each semester, the students argue that, when multiplied by thousands of students at each of the company's more than 750 bookstores, it adds up to millions.

Co-plaintiffs Thomas Rebman and Danny Brandner also say the college is "complicit" in the textbook company's actions because through DBCC's contract with Follett, it receives up to 10.5 percent of all bookstore revenues annually.



UT Tyler Alumni Association Spotlights

Past Patriot,
Jeff Austin, III



Jeff Austin, III is a "UT Tyler alum who is emerging as a major leader in East Texas and making significant contributions to improve the quality of life in Tyler, Smith County and far beyond," stated Dr. Rod Mabry, president of UT Tyler. Jeff received a BS in 1992 and MBA in 1996. A fourth generation banker, he is currently Vice Chairman of the Board of Austin Bank of Texas. He is a graduate of Leadership Tyler, Harvard Business School Advanced Managed Program, Past Chairman of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce and was honored in 2001 as the Volunteer of the Year. In 2005, Governor Rick Perry, appointed Jeff to chair the newly formed North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority.

Q & A with Jeff

What advice would you give to students about developing a "career mindset"? Two of the most important qualities to have as an employee are flexibility and a good attitude. When accepting a new position, make it a point to be a team player and develop a willingness to learn. Believe it or not, learning just begins when you graduate. A good employee exhibits a positive attitude and a willingness to be creative in thinking about solutions for the future.

What do employers like to see in potential employees? It is imperative to have a reputation for honesty, punctuality and of not being a procrastinator.

When interviewing for a new position, what would you advise? Ask yourself the question, "Why would I hire me?" Recognize and emphasize your talents and skills, not just the fact that you now have a degree. The degree is the stepping stone and the critical foundation. But having courage to take the degree and not be afraid of failure is as important.

What are some networking tips? Be a good listener! Rather than overselling yourself, make sure you absorb information about those people you are meeting. This will be vital information in subsequent settings. Don't be afraid to meet people.

Any special tips? Be careful about what you are putting on My Space. Potential employers will look! Google yourself prior to a job interview!

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